



# Swifts Class

## Summer Newsletter

**Exploring, Discovering, Achieving**

Hello and welcome to the Summer term.

### **Changes to the Team**

From 8th June Sam will be going on his PGCE placement and will not be returning to Ashgate until the final week of the Summer term. During that time Fay will be in class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday along side Celia who will be stepping up on a Monday and Tuesday to ensure as little disruption to the team as possible. Katie is still our Lunch Time Support Assistant and will be covering in class alongside Tallulah who has previously worked in other classes at Ashgate.

### **Home/School Communication**

We will endeavour to send a daily update and pictures via Class Dojo. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything, we do try to check throughout the day for any messages.

### **Summer Topic**

This term our topic is Winter into Nature and Nurture. Our first sensory story of this half term is 'Plant the Tiny Seed' and looks at how plants grow. We will focus on plants and the natural world this term. Every week we will have focused Attention Autism sessions based around this topic and will continue with our Sensory Cooking, Sensory Art, Cognition and discreet Communication sessions during meal times and hygiene. The children have worked so hard on their targets and we will continue to monitor their progress and add any new targets where necessary.

### **Swimming and PE**

Swimming will continue to take place on a Thursday afternoon and all children will require swim wear and a towel in school. We try to ensure every child swims at least every other week.

We now have PE on a Friday morning led by Fay.

### **Trips out**

Following our successful trip to McDonalds last week we will continue with weekly Thursday morning walks around the local community.



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### Home/School Communication (cont.)

You can also speak to a member of the class team if you need to by calling the school on 0161 3595322 and asking to speak to Swifts class. Between 8.30 and 9am or from 15.00 to 16.00 are preferred times as we will be teaching and leading activities the rest of the day. You can also email Fay or Sam at these email addresses:

**F.Mill@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk**

**S.Gore@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk**

### Things to Provide

A reminder of items that we require all children to have in school. As our children are all sensory learners and we will all definitely be getting messy at some point, it would be very helpful if you could provide the following:

- Waterproof outerwear/coveralls for outside play, as we do forest school in all weathers
- Sun cream in a labelled bottle and a hat for hot days
- Spare clothes to change into when needed, including socks and tops (we will return soiled & wet/messy items to you bagged up and ready to wash)
- Pads and/or pullups for their changing needs

### Class Fund

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 a week towards our class fund.

This money goes towards resources for all of Swifts class to use in sensory play and cookery activities.

Thanks for your support and understanding!

*The Swifts Team*

