



Swallow Class

Mrs Cropley

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Autumn Term 2022



Term dates

Autumn 1-

6 September 2022 to 21 October 2022

Autumn 2-

31 October 2022 to 16 December 2022

English

We will start this term honing our writing skills as we learn all about legends. We will apply these skills to write our own engaging narratives in this genre. Then we will be developing our skills of persuasion, as well as writing personal recounts through letter writing. Mrs Cropley and Mrs Barmby will teach English.

We will continue to use Read, Write Inc. spelling. Spelling tests will be when children come to the end of a unit.

Children will be given new spellings at the start of each new unit.

Reading for pleasure is vital for all children. Please continue to support and encourage reading at home as well as at school, reading regularly to adults and being read to is still important in KS2. Reading should be recorded in record books daily.

RWI books should be returned and changed twice a week once they have been read with adults.

Free readers choose their own books from school, or may read their own books from home, but please record these in reading records.

Children can also choose books from our new library to read at home. These can be fiction or non-fiction, for reading independently (if free readers at school), just because they look exciting and interesting and for sharing with an adult at home. These can be returned and swapped as soon as they are finished. Children are encouraged to complete book reviews in school or at home when they finish a book. Book reviews support others in their choice of books and go towards the reviewers.

Maths

In Maths we will be building on our fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Mrs Cropley and Mrs Barmby will teach Maths.

Please remember to keep practicing times tables on TTRockstars, login details have been given to children, please ask if you need another copy.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. Spellings may be sent on different days as it will be linked with spelling lessons. Children should also be using TTRockstars and reading daily.

Science

This term our focus of study is 'states of matter'. We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases; conduct investigations to observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled; and measure or research the temperature at which this happens.

We will also look further into the water cycle to identify the part played by evaporation and condensation and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

History

Our focus area of study for historical enquiry this term is Benin (AD 900-1300). The ancient Kingdom of Benin existed in West Africa, in the area which is now known as Nigeria.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term focuses on Africa: linking to our history topic. We will be studying both human and physical geography, comparing ancient and modern-day features of one area of this continent.

PE

PE will be on Thursdays this term. It will be outdoors whenever possible so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather that day: warm clothing (not hooded tops please) or hats and sun cream.

Year 4 and 5 will also go swimming on Tuesday mornings.

DT

In DT we will be researching, designing, and making our own latex moulds. Our inspiration will be the Benin Bronzes.

Art

In Art we will be looking at Batik. Batik is the art of wax-resistant dye on fabrics to create beautiful and colourful designs.

RE and Music

Karl will be teaching both RE and Music this term. The focus in RE we will be Hinduism.

German

Mrs Simpson will be in on Wednesday afternoons to teach German.