



Swallow Class

Mrs Cropley

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Spring Term 2023



Term dates:

Spring term 3 - 4 January to 10 February

Spring term 4 - 20 February to 31 March

English

In English this term we are learning to write persuasively linking to last terms letter writing unit. We will then move onto narrative writing, concentrating on character development, do an author study on Anthony Browne and a recount diary entry.

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 that the children have chosen for enjoyment but may need to be read with an adult.

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.

Maths

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

Please remember to keep practising 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 Wednesday's and is due back the following Monday. Spellings may be sent different days as it will be linked with spellings lessons. Children should also be using TTRockstars and reading daily.

Science

This term our focus of study is forces. We will learn why unsupported objects fall towards the Earth. Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces and discover that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

History

Our historical topic for this term is 1066. We will learn who William the Conqueror was and why he wanted to invade England. Discover key facts about the Battle of Hastings including why the Normans won. We will learn know what a knight was and the role of the knight in the Mediaeval hierarchy. Finally, we will learn about castles.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term focuses on France, linking nicely to our history. We will be looking at both human and physical geography,

PE

PE will be on Friday this term. PE will be outdoors when possible so ensure children are dressed appropriately, including hats and sun cream.

DT

This terms DT will be focussed on mechanical systems. We will be designing and creating lever and pulley systems linked to our 1066 topic.

Art

In Art we will learn about drawing techniques and what different media and colours work best. We will be recreating scenes from the Bateaux Tapestry.

RE

This term we will be learning all about Christian Pilgrimages.

German

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