



## Swallow Class

Mrs Cropley

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Summer Term 2023



### Term dates:

Summer term 5 - 18<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May

Summer term 6 - 5<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July

### English

In English this term we are learning to write non-chronological reports, a recount (journalistic writing), an explanation and Haiku/Cinquain poetry. 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 practicing times tables on TTRockstars, login details have been given to children, please ask if you need another copy.

### RE

This term we will be exploring the big question - What is a good life?

### 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 we will be learning all about sound and light. We will identify how sounds are made and find patterns between the pitch and features of the object that produced it. Exploring patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations.

In the light topic we will learn that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this idea to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye and to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them

### Geography

Our Geography topic this term focuses on South America- tropical rainforest. We will be learning about physical geography including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

### History

Our historical topic for this term is the slave trade, racial equality and civil rights.

### PE

PE will continue to 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 electrical systems. We will be designing and creating a fairground attraction with our learning linking nicely with sound and light in science.

### Art

In Art, we will learn about Barbara Hepworth and sculptures. Designing and creating our own sculptures out of recyclable materials.

### German

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