



Swallow Class
Mrs Cropley
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Autumn Term 2023



Term dates

Autumn 1-

6 September 2023 to 20 October 2023

Autumn 2-

31 October 2023 to 20 December 2023

English

In English this term we are learning to write engaging narratives with flashbacks, recount diaries, biographies and explanation writing. We will continue to do spellings four times a week. 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 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.

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 evolution and inheritance. We will be making links to the industrial revolution to help explain how animals adapt to survive and the workings of natural selection.

History

Our historical topic for this term is the industrial revolution. The focus of which is on how the railway changed the lives of Victorians, the impact it had on the social classes and the impact on industry. We will link this into our geography learning with a local study.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term focuses on a local study, linking nicely to our history. We will be doing field work, looking at both human and physical geography.

PE

PE will be on Friday this term. PE will be outdoors when possible so ensure children bring appropriate clothing, including hats and sun cream.

DT

In DT we will be researching, designing and making our very own railway bridge. We will also learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806-1859) who was a renowned 19th century engineer. His achievements include the steamships Great Western, Great Britain and Great Eastern.

Art

In Art we will be looking at Turner's work, particularly The Fighting Temeraire. We will be learning about colour for emotion and motion - why are the colours used?

RE

This term we will be focusing on the key question, Do you have to believe in God to be good?

German

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