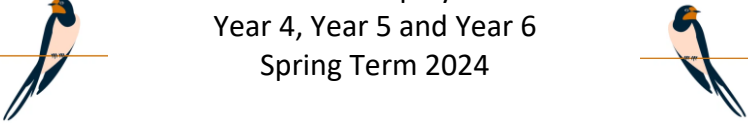




Swallow Class
Mrs Cropley
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Spring Term 2024



Term dates:

Spring term 3 - 3 January 2024 to 9 February 2024

Spring term 4 - 19 February 2024 to 28 March 2024

Bank holidays: Friday 29 March, Monday 1 April 2024

English

In English this term we are learning to write a narrative in our author study of Michael Morpurgo. We will also write informal letters, a persuasive text and a balanced argument.

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.

RE

This term we will be exploring Islam and Hinduism.

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 electricity. We will be constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts.

Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery and recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit. We will recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

In the second term, we will learn to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

Geography

Our Geography topic this term focuses on geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and Italy.

History

Our historical topic for this term is the Romans. Learning about what made the Roman civilisation so Successful and how the Ancient Roman civilisation has influenced life in Britain today.

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 and Art

This term's DT and art will be focussed on mosaics. In art we will be designing collages and in DT we will be focused on learning about resistant materials.

German

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