



**Swallow Class**  
Mrs Waterston  
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6  
Spring Term 2025



**Term dates**

**Spring 1**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Spring 2**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Science**

This term our focus of study is Animals including Humans, living things and their habitats.

**History**

Our topic for this term is 'The Windrush Generation'. We will look at who they were, why they came and how it changed British history. We will touch on concepts such as diversity, integration, racism and tolerance. We will also link these ideas to our 'British Values'.

**Geography**

Our Geography topic is about earthquakes and volcanoes across the world.

**PE**

Swimming for year 4's and 5's will be on Mondays and PE will be on Fridays this term. All children will need a swimming hat. PE will be outdoors so please ensure children are dressed appropriately. Please also ensure that earrings are removed and hair tied back.

**DT**

In DT we are going to be investigating rockets and launch pads using our knowledge of forces from previous science units.

**Art**

In the first half term we will be learning about the artist Hokusai and creating our own block printing in his style.

**RE**

This term we will be looking at Christianity - How do Christians show they belong? Focusing on rites of passage and what this looks like in other religions.

**Music and German**

Karl will be in on Fridays to teach Music and Mrs Simpson will be in on Thursday afternoons to teach German.

**PSHE**

Our PSHE topic is 'Celebrating Difference' We will be exploring respect for similarity and difference, anti-bullying and being unique.

**English**

In English this term we are looking at:

- Narratives - Author study Emma Carroll
- Formal letter writing
- Recount - Newspapers
- Persuasive text

The narratives will link to our topic of 'The Windrush Generation'

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment is a large focus of our English.

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. Please ensure children's library books and reading records are brought into school each day so we can monitor their progress. (Books from home can also be read in school).

Once a child has finished a book, they will complete a book review and be able to choose a new book.

**Maths**

In Maths some of the areas we will be looking at this term are:

- place value,
- addition and subtraction,
- multiplication & division,
- geometry,
- fractions,
- decimals and percentages,
- statistics,
- measurement,
- algebra for year 6.

**Homework**

Homework will be sent home weekly on Fridays and is due back the following Thursday.

Year 6 will receive a spelling list every Friday long with homework.

Children should also be using TT Rockstars and reading daily.