



Year 3 Swallows



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Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and had lots of fun over the festive period! We are looking forward to a jam-packed half-term with very exciting learning. Details of our irresistible curriculum for this half-term can be found below. Remember you can follow our Twitter feed and see what we are doing!

History

We will be looking at the Stone Age and answering the question – Who first lived in Britain? This will involve looking at aspects of the age, in terms of farming and settlement locations.



English

Key Text: Big Blue Whale, by Nicola Davies.

Our English focus will be non-fiction. We will be diving into a new key text and identifying how language, structure and presentation can contribute to meaning.

The outcome of this topic will be to write an informative article about whales, persuading for the protection of the blue whale.

Maths

This half term, White Rose maths focuses on fractions and mass and capacity.

We will also be continuing to work on our arithmetic skills.

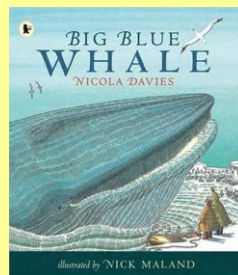


Religious Education

In our RE lessons we will be exploring the Christian Community and answering the key question: Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy? The aim of the unit will be to increase pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Easter story.



'Big Blue Whale' describes, in detail, the dimensions, eating habits and life-cycle of the blue whale. The text is complemented by simple, lively, pen and ink drawings.



Physical Education

Pupils will be exploring dance (Dance around the World).



Computing

Our new computing unit is entitled 'Data and information – Branching databases'. Pupils will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Learners will create physical and on-screen branching databases.



Science

We will be looking at light. Firstly, we will explore light sources and how we see. We will then be looking at the sun, and learning about how the star creates light and heat and provides plants with light and heat to grow. Later, we will be carrying out work on shadows and looking at the differences between opaque, translucent and transparent materials.



French

We will practise conversational phrases to allow us to engage in short dialogue with each other. We will respond to instructions given in French as well as using masculine and feminine nouns.



PSHE

In our weekly Jigsaw lessons we will be looking at "Healthy Me", which will involve discussing fitness goals and how we can achieve them with a positive mindset.



COAL

On Tuesday afternoons the children have a fantastic opportunity for creative, outdoor and adventurous learning.



Reminders

Our COAL afternoon is Tuesday. Swallows will have Outdoor Learning in their COAL lessons this half term. On P.E. days please send your children in their P.E kits, which they will stay in for the entire day on Wednesdays. Please be mindful that the children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms, or shorts, and tops; these need to be blue.

Homework for maths and English will be set on Fridays, to be completed by the following Friday. Reading books should be in school every day please. I am looking forward to a fantastic half-term and thank you in advance for all your support in these matters.

Mr. Aljilani ☺