



Year 3 Swallows



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Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and had lots of fun! 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

Our topic this half-term in History is the Romans. The question we will be answering is - Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?



English

Key Text: Winter's Child, by Angela McAllister.

Our English focus will be narrative writing. We will be diving into a new key text and looking at ways in which we can create characters, settings and plots.

The outcome of this topic will be to write a fantasy story based on a fable.

In 'Winter's Child' Tom wishes winter would never end and meets another boy who shares his love of snow and ice. Playing together every day, Tom hardly notices that spring doesn't come - until he realises the terrible effect of unending winter is having on the countryside and his sick grandma.



Maths

This half term, White Rose maths focuses on addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

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 questions: What does it mean to be called by God? and How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives?



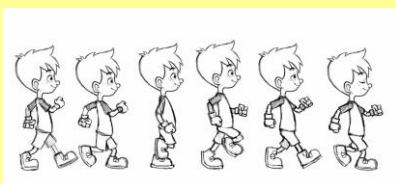
Physical Education

Pupils will be exploring health related fitness and will be looking at gymnastics – receiving weight.



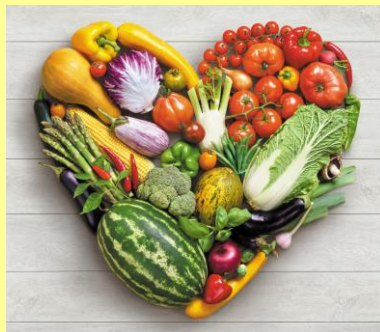
Computing

Our new computing unit is entitled 'Creating Media – Stop Frame Animation'. The children will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. They will then apply those skills to create a story-based animation. This unit will conclude with learners adding other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.



Science

We will start by looking at nutrition and diet. As well as looking at the five different food groups (fruit and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and fats), we will also be exploring the importance of having a balanced diet. This will then lead into comparing diets (vegan diet, vegetarian diet, etc.) and examining different animal diets. Later in the term, we will be looking at identifying, grouping and testing different rocks.

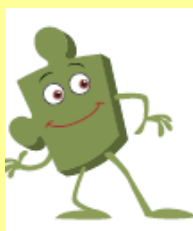


French

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 "Celebrating Differences", which will involve discussing our backgrounds and our feelings.



COAL

On Tuesday afternoons the children have a fantastic opportunity for creative, outdoor and adventurous learning. This includes music taught by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service and PE.

Reminders

Our COAL afternoon is Tuesday. Swallows will have Music and PE 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 Tuesday and Wednesday. 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, thank you in advance for all your support in these matters.

Mr. Aljilani ☺