

# Swallow Class Curriculum Information - Autumn Term 2020

Dear parents/carers,

The children have settled into Year 4 brilliantly, adjusting to new routines and showing a positive attitude towards their learning. This overview will outline the learning for this term.

## Topic

- \* Dragons
- \* Living Things and their Habitats
- \* The Hemblington Brainwave

## ICT

- \* Recap: windows and applications
- \* An introduction to Chrome Books and the Google drive
- \* Topic based internet research

## Spelling

Each week, on a Friday, the children will practise key words and spelling rules for their age group. At present, spelling lists will not be issued as homework.

## Maths

- \* Focus Times Tables x2 to x10
- \* Number and place value
- \* Mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication calculations
- \* Story problems
- \* Problem solving



## English Writing

- \* Poetry unit (dragons)
- \* Creative Writing (dragons)
- \* Traditional Stories - Festivals
- \* Notes and Report writing
- \* Diary and newspaper writing
- \* Grammar focus: fronted adverbials, adjectives, collective nouns, noun phrases, building complex sentences.

## R.E

- \* Festivals and Christianity

## Science

- \* Habitats and classification
- \* Food Chains
- \* Human digestion and teeth
- \* Outdoor Learning



### Art

On Wednesday afternoon the children will paint & clay model to support the topics for the term. This term will include

- \*Clay pottery dragons
- \*Multi-media dragon collage

### PE and Games

The class will have P.E on Monday and Friday. Children will need to come to school and leave in their weather appropriate P.E kits on both these days. A winter tracksuit and trainers for damp conditions is important. All clothing must be named.

### Music

- \* Charanga Year 4, Block 1: ABBA's Mamma Mia (Singing and Glockenspiel)

### German

- \* Greetings and conversation
- \* Colours and numbers



### Reading

We have listened to all children read and have issued them with a levelled reading book. This book should be brought home daily. Please hear your child read each day and make a note of this in their reading record. Reading with an adult for at least 10 minutes each day really has an enormous positive impact on your child's learning. The children will also have the opportunity to choose books from our class library, which will be kept in their trays and read while in school. In addition to this, Swallows will visit the school library weekly, where they will have free choice of a wide selection of texts.

### HOMEWORK

Presently, homework for Year 4 will be daily reading. This is because we would like to allow the children to have time to settle back into school and adjust to their new surroundings and routines. We will review this after the initial few weeks and update you on any home learning developments.