



# Swallow Class Curriculum News (Spring 2023)

## It's Electric!



### English

Our English this term is based on two high quality texts, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. These books will be introduced gradually to the children, exploring them in depth. The books will support both reading and writing. In writing we will be looking at newspaper reports, short stories, poetry and explanation texts.

### Science

We will be learning all about Electricity: Identifying common appliances that run on electricity, constructing a simple series electrical circuit and identifying and naming its components. We will also investigate some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

### Geography

Our geography focus is 'Water, weather and climate'. We will investigate the causes and impact of climate change and how people are taking action to tackle this issue.

### History

We look at Anglo-Saxons and Scots in the UK, why they invaded Britain, a typical village and jobs. This will lead to the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the UK, identifying key aspects of Viking life and legal systems.

### PSHE

We follow the [SCARF](#) scheme and the themes for this term are 'Keeping Safe' and 'Rights and Respect'. Please see Mrs Whittle if you would like to see details of the curriculum.

### Computing

We will continue to learn about the importance of online safety, as well as using the chrome books to research aspects of Anglo Saxon and Viking Britain. We will also develop our skills

using Google programmes, such as Google docs and Google slides.

### Maths

We teach Maths based on the White Rose Maths scheme. This term the units we are working on include; 'Number: Multiplication and division', 'Measurement: Length and perimeter', 'Number: Fractions' and 'Number: Decimals'. Maths is taught using a wide range of resources and strategies to ensure that the children have a good understanding of the Maths they are learning.

### RE

We will continue to look at the Christian and Islam faiths and make comparisons between them. We will consider how and where the Islamic faith is practised within the United Kingdom.

### Music

We are using the Oak National Academy music units and this term our themes are 'Pulse and Metre' and 'Timbre' - in which we will be exploring pulse and rhythm, beats in a bar, time signatures as well as developing our understanding of percussion using body percussion, instruments and beatboxing.

### PE

This term, PE and Games lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursdays. The children will have the opportunity to participate in dance lessons with Dance Dimensions as well as developing their physical and team building skills through 'Fitness Circuits' and 'Invasion Games' like Tag Rugby with Premier Sports.

### Art/DT

In Art we will explore the work of Claude Monet and how he used light and colour in his paintings to create atmosphere. In Design Technology the children will be designing an 'Operation' style game which will include an electrical circuit.