



Swallow Class Curriculum News (Summer 2023)

Looking to the East!



English

This term's English will be based around two high quality texts, 'Varjak Paw' by S.F Said and E.B White's classic, 'Charlotte's Web'. Both books will be introduced gradually to the children, enabling them to explore them in depth. The books will support both reading and writing. In writing we will start by focusing on writing in role and persuasive writing followed by writing fact files and character descriptions later in the term.

Science

We will be learning all about the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. We will also become experts on the 7 characteristics of living things. After half term, we will focus our learning on teeth, the digestive system and food chains.

Geography

Our geography focus will be globalisation and trade links. We will be looking in detail at the silk road and spice routes and the goods carried along them.

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 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing'. 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 Early Islamic Civilisation and trade links. We will also continue

to develop our skills using Google programmes, such as Google docs and Google slides.

Maths

The White Rose Maths units that we will be concentrating on include; 'Number: Decimals', 'Measurement: Money', 'Measurement: Time', 'Geometry: Shape, Position and Direction' and 'Statistics'.

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 explore both the Christian and Islamic faiths and make further comparisons between them.

Music

We are continuing to use the Year 4 Oak National Academy Music Units. These are; 'Rhythm' and 'Musical Processes'. The Children will be learning and performing songs as well as improvising with percussion.

PE

This term PE and Games lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursdays. Hopefully we can take advantage of the good weather with our 'Get Set 4 PE' units covering 'Outside Adventure Activities' (OAA) and Athletics while Premier Sports tackle 'Striking and Fielding Games' such as cricket and 'Team Building' activities.

Art/DT

In Design and Technology the children will design and create pneumatic powered supernatural monsters inspired by Islamic mythology. In Art they will explore collagraph printing and look closely at the work of Tessa Horrocks whose work is influenced by the natural world.