



# Swallow Class Curriculum News (Spring 1 2024)

## It's Electric!



### English

This term our work will be centred around the high quality text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. This book will be introduced gradually to the children and explored in depth. The book will support both reading and writing. In writing we will be looking at newspaper reports and short stories. Weekly grammar and spelling lessons will continue.



### Science

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

### ML (French)

French lessons with Mrs Panting will introduce the children to new vocabulary concerning the topics of 'Family and friends' and 'Animals and pets'.

### History

This half term we look at the Roman invasion of Britain and the impact this had on the people and life in Britain. We follow up by asking why did they leave Britain?

### PSHE

The [SCARE](#) scheme theme for this half term is 'Keeping Safe'. The focus will be on how we manage risks, the influences that make us take risks and understanding the use of drugs such as alcohol and cigarettes. Please see Mrs Whittle if you would like further details of the curriculum.

### Computing

The Year 4 'Teach Computing' unit aims to develop the children's programming skills through FMS Logo, a text-based programming language. They will explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.

### Maths

The White Rose Maths units that Swallow Class will be working on include; 'Number: Multiplication and division B' and 'Measurement: Perimeter and length'.

We will continue to use a wide range of resources and strategies to ensure that the children have a good understanding of the Maths they are learning.

### RE

This half term the children look at Buddhism, investigating the question; Can Buddha's teaching make the world a better place? They will think about the small things they can do that collectively will make a difference to the world and the people who live in it?

### Music

In Music the children will be using a mixture of body and tuned percussion instruments to create the rhythms of the rainforest and perform their own compositions.

### PE

This term, PE and Games lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday**. On Mondays the children will be swimming at the Thorpe St Andrews swimming pool and then on Thursday, with the help of a Premier Sports coach, developing their physical and team building skills through 'Fitness Circuits'.

### Art/DT

In Art we will explore the work of Claude Monet and look at how he used light and colour in his paintings to create mood and atmosphere.