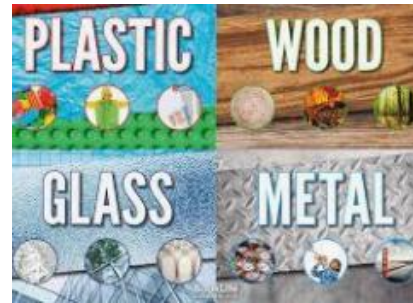


Swallow Class - Autumn Term 2025



It is so lovely to have all the children back together for the start of a busy and exciting term. The following letter will give you some idea of what your child will be learning this term and how you can help.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on stories and storytelling based on Hansel and Gretel and The Tiger Child. We will be focusing on character and setting descriptions and letter writing. We will learn the features of instruction writing by making clay hedgehogs and also learning alphabetical order to help with dictionary work. Plus we'll be having fun with rhyme and poetry. The children will continue to familiarize themselves with the features of information and fiction books.

Sentence construction and punctuation will include grammar of tenses - ed and ing endings. The children will learn to check that their sentences make sense and that the correct punctuation is included. At this stage your child is becoming familiar with capital letters and full stops (Yr1) commas, exclamation, question and speech marks (Yr2). They will learn how to write different sentence types and will be able to identify nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. Hopefully the children will gain fluency in their handwriting and some children may even start joining their letters!

Phonics will be taught daily and children will become more confident to blend and segment all their sounds, including all long vowel sounds. The children will do Read Write Inc each day between 9.00 and 9.30. Please make sure you read their RWI book to them over the weekend so they are familiar with the story for Monday. The Year 2's are expected to change their own reading books when necessary, and please try to read with your child every night, whatever their ability as it really does make a difference! If your child is still developing fluency please keep the book for a second night so they can read it much faster the following day. Also, when reading a chapter book they are not expected to read the whole book in one night, but please write what page they get to.

Spellings are on Friday morning. Please make time to practice these and to help correct your child's letter formation and pencil grip. Yellow folders should be brought into school every Friday so we can add the following week's homework. They will learn spelling rules for various sounds as well as rules for adding suffixes.

Numeracy

In numeracy this term we will be focusing on:

Counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 (Yr 1) and 100 (Yr 2)	Place value (tens and units)
Strategies for addition, subtraction	Number bonds to 10. 20. 100
Counting in 10,2,5, 3	Halving and doubling
Properties of 2D and 3D shapes	

You can support your child by using maths in everyday settings, playing board games, measuring, letting your child count money and talking about the intervals of time.

Science

This term we are looking at Humans and the senses, plus how we can keep ourselves Healthy. After half term we will be learning about Materials and their everyday uses. The children will learn about the properties of materials such as metal, glass, plastic etc. We will also be doing experiments to show how materials and their properties can be changed.

Geography (1st term)

Skills using maps and mapping will be developed and children will become familiar with the terms physical and human geography and be able to identify these features in their local community. They will be able to name the main oceans of the world.

ICT

The children will have ICT lessons in the classroom using the laptops and tablets. They will learn coding using Bee Bots. The children will continue to increase their knowledge of the computer and will learn to use it for both information and presentation purposes. They will also begin to use search engines to research topics being studied in class. E-safety lessons will ensure they know how to keep themselves safe online.

History (2nd term)

How artefacts help us to learn about the past. We will look at Victorian toys and at the changes that have happened within living memory, linked to materials and changes to technology. If you have any old toys at home please dust them off in anticipation!

Art

The children will learn a variety of techniques, using differing materials. This will involve working with clay, collage work, sculpture and even sewing! We will also be looking at the use of colour in the work of famous artists.

D.T.

Mechanisms - pupils will make a moving picture based on the Christmas story.

R.E.

Our main focus is Judaism and how Jewish people learn about God from the Torah. As a Church of England school we will also be celebrating Harvest and performing a Nativity at the end of term.

P.E.

PE is on Thursday afternoon. The children will be learning ball skills and invasion games. They will continue to learn how the body responds to exercise. Please ensure hair is tied up and they come to school in their PE kit.

RSHE

This term we will be discussing Being Me in This World and Celebrating Difference.

Finally, please make sure your child brings a coat and water bottle to school each day. Fruit is available for a mid morning snack, but children can bring their own if they prefer.

If you have any questions regarding your child's education, please come and see me. I am available after school and would be more than happy to discuss any questions with you.

Best wishes

Mrs Woodroffe