

Swallow Teaching Team

Mr Meech - Monday, Tues & Fri am
Mrs Daunton - Weds & Friday pm
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Tues/Weds & Thur

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Mrs O'sullivan
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Welcome to the Spring Term of Year 6!

This term often feels like a short one with the Easter break, which means that our learning time is extra important.

Below is a brief summary of all the exciting learning opportunities that Year 6 will encounter over the next term.

In English this term, we start by looking at Undertow Tales From Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan.

This will be followed by 101 ways to be a superhero!

In lessons we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Text structure
- Audience and purpose
- Grammar
- Spelling patterns
- Handwriting & presentation

Our next class reader is 'High Rise Mystery' and is a child-friendly murder mystery follows the story of Nik and Norva who are desperate to find out who killed their friend, Hugo.

In Maths we will cover, decimals, percentages and some algebra before Easter as well as revising some key topics such as place value and calculations.

In RE, we begin by learning about 'Community and Sources.' This learning looks into the history and importance of the Bible within the Catholic Faith. We then move on to Lent and Easter.

Wider Curriculum overview

Science includes continuing with Electricity, with a focus on how components work in simple circuits and electrical safety. We will then learn about light up until Easter.

In Humanities, we start the term exploring and learning about the Anglo Saxons. In the second half of the term our geography focus will be on looking after our environment.

In Music, we will sing and use the boomwhackers to understand pitch and tone.

Our mind, health and safety are covered in RSE, E-Safety and PSHE lessons. This is incredibly important in Year 6 as we continue to mature into adolescents.

In Art we are studying to topic Challenges. This unit looks into artists and explores the different challenges they have faced in their lives and the artistic styles that have evolved as a result.

Music will be covered in the summer term

Homework

Homework will be set every Monday and needs to be handed in on Friday.

There is homework club every Monday for those children who wish to come along. - 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

As always we encourage children to practice their tables on Times Table Rockstars.

Dojos

We have spent some time re-affirming our behaviour expectations in class and around school.

The school rules are set out in three simple messages:

Be Safe
Be Kind
Be Respectful

We are constantly praising children who meet these expectation through the use of class dojo points. Once children receive 300 dojos they will receive a Bronze certificate. Once all of the children have received their Bronze award there will be a class treat. Children can then go on to achieve a silver award (600 dojos) and a Gold Award (1200)

We have been delighted with how the children have been responding to these over the last couple of weeks.

Each week we will be presenting the Heart of Gold award for a child who is a shining example of the school values

We will also be sending out regular class messages on the dojo app so if you do not have access to it please see the office for help.

SATS

SATS week is at the beginning of May and will run from the Monday 13th May to the Thursday 16th May. Before Easter, we will invite you to a meeting to explain how they work and the expectations of the children.

PE Days

PE continues to be on Mondays and Tuesdays so full kit to be worn on those days, please.