

Year 2 - Swallows



Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a happy, restful half term break, and the children are ready for their new half term.

As we previously informed you, we will be focused on a recovery curriculum this half term, and the children will be doing an extra short maths and English session in the afternoon where they will focus on the work from the previous year (March to July). Alongside Maths and English, the children will be taught Science, PSHE, RE and PE. The remaining foundation subjects will be used as a toolkit to support the core subject teaching rather than being the main focus.

The main areas of focus are as follows:

- ♦ **Maths:** We will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths Scheme with a focus on addition and subtraction, money and make a start on multiplication and division.
- ♦ **English:** As well as continuing and developing our phonics skills daily, we will be learning about and writing recounts, poems, instructions, letters and adverts.
- ♦ **Science:** we will be focusing on materials. The children will select the best materials to make a home based on their house (Please can you send a photo of the front of your child's house so they can use this as a starting point for their 3D model. These will need to be in school by 6.11.20) They will use different materials to create mixed media collages to learn about the 4 seasons. We will also catch up on some missed Year 1 objectives by learning about the 5 senses and parts of the human body.
- ♦ **PSHE:** Our focus will be about our dreams and goals. We will be thinking about our learning goals, as well as broader goals the children may have. We will be exploring how to best work well in a group and also about persevering when things become difficult. Alongside our PSHE lessons, we will continue to respond to the children's feelings and emotions as they arise throughout the half term.
- ♦ **RE:** We will be thinking about what we can learn from sacred books and stories. We will be exploring the Jewish Torah, Muslim Qur'an and Christian Bible and identifying the beliefs that these books express about God.
- ♦ **PE:** We will be focusing on gymnastics and continuing with sportshall athletics. Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school every day; trainers in a plastic bag and tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt are advisable, as the weather gets colder. We will send them home at the end of the week to be washed. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Homework: Please continue to read daily with your children, helping them to use their phonics to decode and asking them questions about characters and plot. Children will receive spellings on a Friday, with a sheet to practise on at home each day. They will have a spelling quiz the following week. Finally, there is an optional maths task, to be found on 'Maths with Parents' (login details were emailed last half term).

Christmas: Although we will not be able to do our normal Christmas performances this year, the children will enjoy a range of Christmas activities during the final week of term, including Christmas dinner, Christmas film and a class party.

A final plea!!: If anyone has any underwear (particularly girls') that your children have grown out of and you are willing to donate, we would be very much appreciative, as our 'spares' stocks are running low! Thank you in advance.

If you have any concerns, we are always happy to discuss matters that are important to you and your child. Please contact the school office via admin@gbpa.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Parkin