



Swifts and Swallows

Spring Curriculum Newsletter



Friday 11th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for the term ahead.

Thank you so much to all the parents and helpers who came to help us celebrate at our Christingle Service. The children really appreciated your support.

Curriculum Update

We have begun our new Magnificent Mountains topic this week by discussing the question, what actually is a mountain and by finding some important European mountain ranges. We will be learning about mountains for the next few weeks across the curriculum including in art where we will be making models of different types of mountains. To help us with this we would appreciate any donations of junk modelling materials such as yogurts pots, water bottles, small cardboard boxes etc...We will also be setting our half term's home work on this project, more details to follow. As usual, we would also love the children to bring in any relevant photos, artefacts or books from home which we can use to add to our classroom displays or support our learning...perhaps there is even an experienced mountain explorer out there who could come in to talk to us!

See attached curriculum map for more details of what we will be learning about in other areas this half term.



Homework and Support

There will be one piece of topic homework per half term and a piece of online maths homework each week. The children are also expected to read regularly at home and to learn their times tables and spellings.

PE

PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for both classes and it is very important that children have their PE kit in school for these days. Please ensure they have shorts, a t-shirt, socks, jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt, plimsolls and outdoor trainers. They do PE outside all year round so need to be suitably dressed. For safety, long hair should be tied up and earrings removed (preferably, before they come to school).

Events

On Thursday 17th January, we will be having visitors in the school from RAF Marham to support our STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Each class will spend half a day working with them focussing on the principles of flight.

On Wednesday 13th February Swifts have their class assembly whilst Swallows class have theirs on Wednesday 6th March. We are looking forward to seeing you there. That same week is also Book Week at the school. We will share more details on this nearer the time.

After half term, we have planned a trip to the John Innes Centre on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March to listen to a music concert. This is a great experience for the children as they can really immerse themselves in listening to live music.

VLE

We will blog weekly so look out for updates and information to support your child's learning. We also post videos and photographs of some of the exciting things we have been doing in class so please take a look.

Please get in touch

If you have any quick questions please find us at the end of the day or in the playground. For any other matters, please arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

The Year 3 Team