

**Swifts**

Pirton School

**Spring Term 2025– Curriculum Newsletter**

**English**

Non-Chronological Reports- DK Find Out! Sharks

Children will develop skills of using texts for research. They will assemble information on a subject, sorting and categorising information and learn to use comparative language to describe and differentiate.

Free Verse Poetry- Blue Balloons and Rabbit Ears by Hilda Offen

Children will explore different free verse poems, developing their use of vocabulary and will learn to write and perform free verse poetry.

Narrative- Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

Children will review their understanding of Fairy Tale features and will build up to write their own versions of this narrative.

Recounts- Dogger by Shirley Hughes

By the end of this unit, children will develop their understanding of writing recounts with a focus on using adverbials of time.

**Maths**

Our taught maths content this term include:

* Consolidation of place value and addition and subtraction
* Multiplication
* Statistics
* Length and Height
* Shape, position and direction
* Fractions



**Science**

Uses of Materials

Children will learn about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed.

Plant Survival

Children will develop their understanding of the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants firsthand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

**Key Dates**

Monday 13th January- Shared Book Look

Wednesday 29th January- Swifts Class Assembly

Wednesday 12th February- Reading Training for parents

13th and 14th February- Book Fair in the Nest

25th and 27th February- Parent Evenings

**Information**

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and due back on a Tuesday.

Reading diaries will be checked at least weekly.

Please make sure that all items are labelled!

French

Children will become familiar with simple French language phrases, videos, songs and games, including pronouncing different phonemes.

RE

In RE we will be making comparisons between Hinduism and Christianity. We will begin by learning about The Creation Stories and comparing their places of worship. We will be moving onto understanding The Easter Story.

Music

The children will become familiar with a Reggae song - Three Little Birds by Bob Marley and a song titled The Dragon Song by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. It will involve listening & giving opinions about the songs, learning to perform the songs, improvising and composing.

PSHE/RSE

In PSHE lessons in the first half term, we will be exploring personal safety and the changing body by identify different issues children may be faced with and how to deal with these. We will look at citizenship in the second half term, exploring rules and why we have these and developing an understanding of democracy.

Computing

In the first half term, we will be learning about Spreadsheets. We will explore their use and purpose. Learn to add and edit data in a table layout and find out how spreadsheet programs can automatically create graphs from data. During the second part of the term, the children will learn to Code. They will eventually learn to design and create an interactive scene.

PE

For the first half of the term in PE, the children will take part in games and dance lessons. During the second part of the term, the children will explore gymnastics and games. Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. PE kits should be kept in school throughout the week and every item of kit should be clearly named.

Design and Technology

Beach Huts

Children will learn about making and strengthening structures, including different ways of joining materials, before designing and making their own beach hut.

Art and Design

Flower Head

This project teaches children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They also explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms, using paper and clay.

History/ Geography

The Coast

This project teaches the children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire. We will move onto to learning about jobs in the past and about significant people with a focus on Captain Cook.