



Swallow Class
Mrs Waterston
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Autumn Term 2025



Term dates

Autumn 1	Thursday 4 th September
Half term	Thursday 23 rd October
Autumn 2	Monday 3 rd November
End of term	Friday 19 th December

Science

This term our focus of study is Electricity. The children will be provided the opportunity to carry out lots of practical investigations and experiments, using simple and more complex circuits.

English

We will begin this term by reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' and then learning and applying skills required to write a diary entry, a flashback and biography.

Next, we will read 'Leila and the Blue Fox', followed by 'The Arrival'

Throughout the term, the children will be acquiring new skills to confidently write a wide range of text types.

History

Our topic for this term is the Kingdom of Benin. We will explore how the Kingdom of Benin fits into African history; we will also compare the period of Benin with the Tudor and Stuart periods in England, exploring the similarities and difference between the two.

Geography

Our Geography topic is about the continent of Africa. We will explore human features, such as settlements and land use, economic activity, including Fair Trade. Alongside this, we will explore physical features such as climate, biomes and vegetation belts.

PE

Swimming for year 4's and 5's and PE for year 6 will be on Fridays this term. All children will need a swimming hat. PE will be outdoors, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately and that earrings are removed and hair tied back.

DT

In DT the children will get hands on making latex moulds.

Art

The children will be exploring Batik linked to our history and geography unit.

RE

This term we will be looking at Hinduism and asking and answering the following questions:

How are deities and key figures described in Hindu sacred texts and stories?

What might Hindus understand about the Divine through these stories?

What is the purpose of visual symbols in the mandir?

PSHE

Our PSHE topic is 'Being me in the world' and 'celebrating Differences'

German

Mrs Simpson will be in on Wednesday afternoons to teach German.

Computing

Systems and network, investigating search engines.