

Swallows

Autumn Term

A snapshot of the knowledge, skills and experiences we will be developing across the autumn term.

English

Through Literacy Tree, children will explore The Goldilocks Project, Wolves, The Journey Home and Dear Earth. These rich texts will inspire reading, discussion and purposeful writing, while developing vocabulary, sentence construction and confidence in writing for different audiences.

Phonics & Spelling

We will begin by consolidating learning from the Year 1 Little Wandle programme before moving into Little Wandle Bridge to Spelling, helping children apply secure phonics knowledge to increasingly confident and accurate spelling.

Maths

Following White Rose Maths, we will develop a secure understanding of place value and numbers to 100. Children will build fluency and problem-solving skills through addition and subtraction before exploring the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Science

Across two units, our Science learning will explore living things and their habitats. Children will consider the characteristics and needs of living things and investigate the different habitats in which plants and animals live.

The Wider Curriculum

History

We will explore the Crimean War through the lives and work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Children will investigate historical sources, consider conditions at the time and explore why these individuals are remembered today. We will also learn about the significance of Remembrance.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our PSHE learning will support personal, social and emotional development through work on positive relationships, anti-bullying, protective behaviours, physical health and wellbeing, and mental and emotional wellbeing.

Religion & Worldviews

Children will explore Islamic worldviews, developing their understanding of Muslim beliefs and lived experience. We will then explore the Christian concept of Incarnation through Understanding Christianity and ask: Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Art

Through our Explore and Draw unit, children will develop observational drawing and sketching skills, experimenting with marks, materials and different approaches to recording what they see.

Music

Children will develop their understanding of pulse through practical musical activities. They will also benefit from regular sessions delivered by a specialist music teacher.

Computing

Through Purple Mash, children will develop digital skills through Creating Pictures, Making Music and Spreadsheets. Internet safety will be embedded throughout, helping children use technology safely, responsibly and confidently.

Design & Technology

Our Food unit will give children opportunities to explore food and healthy eating while developing practical skills through designing and making.

Physical Education (PE)

Children will develop fundamental movement, coordination and teamwork through multi-skills and ABCs, alongside basketball, football skills and indoor athletics.

How you can help at home

Regular reading remains one of the most valuable ways to support learning. Talking about books, practising number facts and encouraging children to notice maths, language and the wider world in everyday life all make a real difference. There will also be weekly maths home learning and spellings later in the term.