



Curriculum Overview  
Term 2 - October 2022  
**Skylark, Swift and Housemartin**  
**Classes - Year 3/4**



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back. We hope that you had a pleasant half term break. This letter will outline the work we will be covering during this term.

**The Curriculum**

Our focus book for this term is 'The Iron Man' a novel by Ted Hughes. The children will be completing work based on poetry writing and newspaper report writing. In Maths this term, we will be working on Addition and Subtraction.

We will be focusing on two main areas of learning this term through our topic work. To begin the term, we are exploring the Science unit of 'Rocks and Soils'. The children will be learning about the different types of rocks and their properties and uses. Our next unit of work will be a Design Technology based unit on textiles. The children will learn about different fabrics and ways to join fabrics. They will be sewing a Christmas craft.

**Home learning**

Home learning will be communicated through the website and home school reading record books.

<b>Daily</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
Regular reading support with an adult or older sibling. Maths/ number facts/ times table practice. Spelling practice using spelling word sheets that will be sent home.	Spellings homework will be set weekly and are to be returned promptly for lists to be updated. More details included in spelling folders.

Home learning is vital in ensuring your child retains core learning and improves their key skills in areas like reading and maths. We celebrate the completion of these tasks in class weekly, e.g. with stickers and house points. Please use your child's homework diaries to indicate when they have done home learning (for example, reading). Please remember to encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics websites. They have

all been given individual log ins, the website addresses can be found on the class pages of the school website. Please contact us if you need another copy of your child's log in details.

### **PE**

The children will need to ensure they have their PE kits into school on PE days. They can leave their kit in school if this is easier. Please ensure they have the correct PE kit, including a t shirt the colour of the house they are in.

### **Personal belongings**

The children do not need to bring in any stationery as this is provided at school. Each child needs to bring in their reading book and spellings in a PACT folder/bag daily. If your child finishes their reading book, please ask them to tell let us know (or communicate via the reading record book) so that we can provide them with a new book. Children should bring in a bottle of water with a sports cap type top. Snacks are not provided in KS2; the children are welcome to bring in their own. This can be a piece of fruit or vegetables. Please name any water bottles or snack pots that the children bring in.

### **Beginning and End of the Day**

Children should be dropped in the slow playground and should enter their classrooms through the outside doors to that lead directly into their rooms. At the end of the day, all Year 3/4 children will be dismissed onto the slow playground, unless you have made other arrangements with your child. Can we please ask parents not to come along the side walkway as this can become quite congested at the beginning and end of the day.

### **Developing Independence**

We continuing to work hard to help develop the children's independence. Therefore, we ask that you support this by encouraging your child to take charge of their belongings, homework and communicating key messages with us. We hope by encouraging and supporting this independence, we will create children who take responsibility for their own learning. We appreciate there are times when you will want to contact us directly, instead of through your child. Important messages can be communicated via email to the office [admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) or please feel free to pop in and see us; we hold an open door policy and are more than happy to arrange a convenient time to meet.

### **Coats**

With the weather becoming colder and wetter can you please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Please also ensure that all clothing is named so that if lost it can be returned to the child easily.

Kind regards

Mrs Aland, Miss Parkes, Miss Wyatt and Mr Delaney.