



Curriculum Overview
Term 6 – June/July 2023
Skylark, Swift and Housemartin
Classes - Year 3/4



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely Half Term break. We can't believe we have made it to Term 6! This letter will outline the work we will be covering during this term.

The Curriculum

Our focus book for this term is 'Varjak Paw' a novel by S.F Said. Much of our Guided Reading sessions will be based around this text. In English, the children will be creating a piece of poetry and writing to entertain and persuade. In Maths this term, the Year 4's will start the term completing their Times Table Check. Then we will be learning a variety of units across Year 3/4, including: fractions, decimals, time, money, shape and statistics.

Our History work will continue to be based around the Ancient Egyptians and how they lived. We will continue to explore the question 'How Did the Ancient Egyptians Leave their Mark?' Again we suggest that maybe you and your child could visit the library or do some research online to support their learning.

In DT we are going to do some sewing and looking at fastenings – we will be having another DT Day to get stuck in with this. The children will continue to learn to play the recorder/J-Sax with Mrs Farnell in music.

In Science the children will be learning about States of Matter. This will see us working scientifically to determine the different states of matter and their properties and processes.

Home learning

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

Daily	Weekly
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. As mentioned above, please remember to encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rockstars. The website address can be found on the class pages of the school website along with other website ideas which could help.

PE

It is the summer term, which should mean plenty of sunshine! We will be learning about health and fitness, as well as doing athletics in preparation for Sports Day. 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 and outdoor footwear.

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 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.

We are looking forward to another busy and productive term.

Kind regards

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