

Friday 6th January 2023

Curriculum Overview
Term 3 – January/February 2023
Skylark, Swift and Housemartin
Classes - Year 3/4



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! This letter will outline the work we will be covering during this term.

The Curriculum

Our focus book for this term is 'Charlotte's Web' a novel by E.B. White. Much of our Guided Reading sessions will be based around this text. In English, the children will be writing a myth/legend. They will be looking at the story of Beowulf and basing their mythical story around this. Later in the term they will be writing fact sheets about an animal. In Maths this term, we will be working on Multiplication and Division. ***Any help you could give your child to learn the times tables facts (to 12 x 12) would be very much appreciated, especially as the Year 4 children have a times tables assessment in June.***

Our History work for this term, and next, is going to be based on Invaders. We will particularly be looking at The Celts, Anglo Saxons and The Vikings. Maybe you and your child could visit the library or do some research online to support their learning.

In Art this term, we will be looking at the work of the artist Magdalene Odundo, a Kenyan-born British studio potter, who now lives in Farnham, Surrey.

The children will continue to learn to play the recorder with Mrs Farnell in music and in PE will be practising throwing and catching skills.

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 (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 in details. 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.

As well as the homework mentioned above, we will be setting a project style homework based on our History learning. This may include the children creating a model or a fact file on an aspect of the learning, their choice. Further details will follow in a separate letter.

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 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

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.



