

Curriculum Overview
Term 1- September 2022
Skylark, Swift and Housemartin
Classes - Year 3/4



Dear Parents/ Carers

We would like to welcome you all back and hope that your summer was restful and enjoyable. We would like to take this opportunity to explain routines and expectations of Lower Key Stage Two. We are already seeing fantastic learning attitudes from the children and we are excited to see everyone reach their full potential throughout the year.

The Curriculum

Our focus book for this term is 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' a novel by Philip Pullman. The children will be completing work based on story writing and a non-fiction unit of work later in the term. In Maths this term, we will be working on Place Value and 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 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will be learning about the human body and what we need to stay fit and healthy. They will be identifying the different bones in their body and looking at how we digest food. Our next unit of work will be a Geography based unit 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. The children will learn about the structure of the Earth and Volcanoes and will learn about why and how earthquakes happen.

Home learning

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

Daily	Weekly
Regular reading support with 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. We celebrate the completion of these tasks in class weekly. Please use your child's homework diaries and indicate when they have done home learning (for example, reading).

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.

PE Days are as follows

Skylark - Tuesday and Friday

Swift – Tuesday and Thursday

Housemartin- Tuesday and Thursday.

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 in a PACT folder/ bag daily so we can read with them as much as possible. If your child finishes their reading book, please let us know by communicating this in the homework diary so we can provide them with a new book. Children should bring in a bottle of water that has a sports cap on 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.

The school times are as follows:

Beginning of day- 8:45-8:55

End of day- 03:15

Developing Independence

We are working 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.

Kind regards

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