

# Barnoldswick C of E Primary School

## What's on in Dove and Swift Classes?

Autumn term - November to December 2023



**English** – We will begin our half term reading the book ‘The Promise’. In this we will be reading, comparing and innovating the story. Following this, we will be looking at non-chronological reports. We will examine the language, structure and presentation of a text, identifying the main ideas and how to summarise them. We shall also be analysing and evaluating how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. text boxes, sub-headings, contents, bullet points, glossary, diagrams. We will then apply the knowledge and skills gained to write our own non-chronological report about our Ancient Egypt topic.

**Mathematics** – In maths this half term the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and confidence of their times tables. The children will use these skills to work out multiplication problems as well as using the inverse, division. We will also be looking at how to tell the time using the digital clock and analogue 24 hour clock, using the vocabulary ‘to’ and ‘past’ the hour. The children will also be learning how to identify, name and discuss properties of 3D shapes and apply this to real world examples.

*Below are a selection of websites with interactive games for children to practise their maths skills.*

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

**Science** — In science this half term we will be focussing on the human body. We will be looking closely at the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions and the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. We will be able to describe how the digestive system works in the human body, naming and describing the function of the different parts. The children will be investigating which teeth they use to eat certain things and their jobs using vocabulary such as ‘shredding and grinding’.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z27kng8/articles/zsp76yc>

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**Religious Education** – In RE, this half term, our key question is ‘What does love your neighbour really mean?’ We will start by looking at well-known fables and discussing the morals that we can learn from these stories. We will then look at parables from the Bible and begin to discuss what Christians can learn from these and what these means for us too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc>

**Computing** – This half term, we will be creating our own media. Children will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. We will discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. In order to record audio themselves, children will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files. Finally, children will evaluate their work and give feedback to their peers.

**PSHE** – In PSHE this half term, we will be looking at the importance of looking after your body including how to eat a balanced diet and the importance of oral hygiene. We will be discussing how some foods can cause worse tooth decay and what we can do to prevent this. We will also be looking at how vaccinations can stop us from getting sick.

**DT**- This half term we are looking at food. We will be looking seasonality and which vegetables are in season. We will be choosing different seasonal veg to create a soup recipe. We will be peeling,

chopping, slicing and dicing different vegetables. We will then make, taste and evaluate different soup textures and finally decide which was the favourite before writing a recipe for their desired soup.

**History** – As Historians we will learn about Ancient Egypt by asking and answering questions about the past. We will be able to place the Ancient Egyptians chronologically and geographically. We shall be thinking about what Ancient Egyptian life was like for its people and we will learn how the Egyptians used hieroglyphics to communicate. We shall be considering the significance of the pharaohs and the pyramids and the importance of the River Nile to the Egyptians.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zg87xnb/resources/1>  
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/tut.html>

**Music** – In music we will be looking at the genre of Rock and Roll. The children will be listening, singing and performing alongside the song ‘Rock around the clock’ by Bill Haley. We will be identifying the tempo of Rock and Roll music as well as discussing the dynamics and texture.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgdufzXvjqw>

**Physical Education** – This half term we will be developing our ball handling skills as we learn how to play an invasion game. We will develop our skills and also improve our defending, attacking and team playing skills. During the games, we will be thinking about using skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition, entering opponents’ territory with the ball and looking to get into a good scoring position.

We will also be starting gymnastics. We will be starting to develop travelling actions on feet and hands and feet, rolling and also arabesque balances. Children will have opportunities to demonstrate their movements in a six piece sequence.

**Modern Foreign Languages** – The children will be looking at the story of The Little Red Riding Hood and learning key vocabulary in Spanish in preparation for retelling the story. They will be using story maps and vocabulary to name different parts of the body to help aid their retelling.

### Things to Remember:

- **Homework:** Maths and spelling homework is given out on a Monday and is due back into school on Friday. Please can you assist your child with practising their spellings as often as possible. There will be a Spelling test every Friday.
- **Home Reading:** Your child should read and discuss their reading book at least 3x per week for 5-10 minutes. This will not only help to improve their fluency and comprehension, but it will help them to develop their writing as well! Books must be in daily so they are available for class reading if required.

#### PE

- Please ensure your child has both their indoor and outdoor PE Kit in school for their PE days. Earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. If this cannot be done independently do not wear earrings on these days or send in plasters to cover newly pierced ears.

	<b>Dove Class</b>	<b>Swift Class</b>
<b>Indoor PE</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Outdoor PE</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

- **Times table homework:** Please use T T Rock Stars at least once a week to encourage fluency. Children are fine to use a multiplication square to assist them with this homework to begin with. There will be a multiplication tables check in the Summer term, details will follow at parents’ evening.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Corteen and Miss Hyde-White