

Barnoldswick C of E Primary School

What's on in Swift and Dove Classes?

Spring term - February to March 2024



English – To begin this half term, we will be looking at a novel with a theme. The novel we have chosen is 'Around the World in 80 Days' written by Jules Verne. We will be delving into the vocabulary within this book and gathering and analysing this to understand the characters. We will then be looking at each character and writing character descriptions in order to compare the characters within the novel. We will be investigating the themes before planning our own short version of the novel. We will develop our grammar skills throughout this unit.

Following this we will be linking our Science topic of 'Electricity' to write an explanation text on how to create an electrical circuit. The children will be doing this practically within our Science lessons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oy1uaVX9sw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq99q6f>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztaliq3ytaA>

Mathematics – The key aspects of maths that we will focus on this half term are: recalling multiplication and division facts for 7 and 11 times tables, using place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers, recognising and using factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations. We shall be building on our knowledge of place value and using our knowledge of place value and rounding in the context of money and measure. We will be developing and rehearsing the processes involved in written multiplication and practising and consolidating when it is appropriate to use mental or written methods of multiplication. We will also be using a variety of sorting diagrams to compare and classify numbers and geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes.

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

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

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

Science – This half term, the children will be learning all about sound. The children will investigate how sounds travel and learn about scientific vocabulary such as pitch and volume. They will also look at the relationship between volume of sound and the distance it has travelled, presenting their data in different forms of graphs. Following on from this, the children will take part in an investigation to see which materials provide the best insulation against sound.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>

Religious Education – We will be reflecting on what it means to make a sacrifice and why Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on the cross. We shall be hearing about the stories of Holy Week and Easter and understand what is meant by sacrificial love. As well as this, we will be thinking about famous Christian people who have made sacrifices and considering what sacrifices we can make and how it makes us feel.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-easterperformance>

Computing – In this unit, children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices. They will look at changing the composition of images using the 'crop' tool, and evaluate the effect that this can have on an image. We will use retouching tools to improve images, and consider which tools are appropriate for retouching.

www.getpaint.net/doc/latest/index.html

PSHE – In this unit, children will learn how not everything they see online is true or trustworthy and that people can pretend to be someone they are not. They will understand the importance of how to tell a trusted adult if they are worried for themselves or others, worried that something is unsafe or if they come across something that scares or concerns them.

We will also be thinking about how to balance time online with other activities and the importance of following rules and restrictions when online whilst thinking about why it's important to keep personal information safe and private and ways to do this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/rse-ks2-safety-keeping-myself-safe/znnjbdm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcpp34j>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>

Art – In art, we will be focusing on stitching and embroidery, linking to our topic of the Lancashire Cotton Mills. The children will be developing their skills in stitching looking at running stitches, baste stitches, blanket stitches and cross stitches. We will be considering the different shapes and styles that the stitches make to make informed choices when planning our final design. They will then apply their skills by creating an embroidery bookmark.

Geography – In Geography, we will consolidate our knowledge of the continent 'Europe'. We will then move on to a specific location in France where we will focus our studies and compare our lives to that of someone living in a contrasting location. This year we have chosen Creil, the children will describe the settlement and land use of Creil and compare that to the settlement and land use in Barnoldswick.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-are-the-countries-of-europe-69k6cr>

Music – We are going to be learning about Haiku, linked to the Hanami festival. This Japanese inspired topic looks at the springtime festival of Hanami, which celebrates the fleeting beauty of spring flowers. Children will use descriptive vocabulary to create a Haiku, put it to music and finally add percussion sound effects to bring all elements together before a final, group performance.

Physical Education – This half term, we will begin our Dance unit by exploring characterisation through movement and expression. We will be developing a performance based on monsters and finish with a simple dance phrase which tells a story. Finally, the children will evaluate their own dance and that of others. In addition, the children will be looking at net and walls games whilst improving their skills in throwing, striking and catching.

Modern Foreign Languages – This half term's unit is called 'Mi Familia'. The children will be learning how to recognise, recall and spell different family members with the correct definite article/determiner. They will also be able to ask and answer the question 'Do you have any siblings?' in Spanish. By the end of the unit they will be able to introduce their own/fictitious family members in Spanish.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/spanish/>

Things to Remember:

- **PE Days:**

Swift class	Dove class
Wednesday- indoor	Tuesday- indoor
Friday - outdoor	Friday - outdoor

- **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 to ensure they can remember them for the Spelling test on Friday. Homework is focused on times tables this half term in preparation for the MTC in June.
- **Reading:** Your child should read and discuss their reading book **at least 3x a 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!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Corteen and Miss Hyde-White