

Swallow Class, Year 3 & 4, Autumn 1, 2026-27

Geography: The Mediterranean

We will begin by exploring Europe as a continent before zooming in to discover the Mediterranean and the country of Italy. We will use maps to investigate places and physical features, compare life in Italy and the UK, and find out how geography influences the lives of people living in Bologna.

Art: Gestural Drawing with Charcoal

We will explore how to use charcoal to create bold, expressive drawings inspired by movement and performance. We will experiment with drawing on a larger scale, using our whole bodies to create dynamic marks and bring stories and ideas to life.

ICT: Getting to know Google

We will develop our digital skills by learning how to use Google Docs and Google Slides to create, edit and present our work. We will also build our touch-typing skills, helping us to become more confident, accurate and efficient when using a keyboard.

Music: Rock and Roll

We will learn about the history of Rock and Roll, learn the Hand Jive and to sing Rock Around the Clock. We will also learn how to play a walking bassline and have the opportunity to put these elements together into a final performance.

English

We will begin the term by writing a humorous whole class story, inspired by the 'Oi..' series by Kes Gray and Jim Field. Keep an eye on ParentMail later in the term – we'll be sharing our finished masterpiece, and we can't wait for you to read it!

We will then dive into the wonderful world of poetry, exploring poems that make us laugh, think and imagine. We will perform with confidence, experiment with language and discover how poets paint pictures with words.

Our final unit for the half term will focus on the text 'Oliver and the Seawigs' by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. This exciting tale of bravery, adventure and friendship will inspire us to write thrilling adventure stories of our own.

Maths

Year 3:

Year 3 will revisit place value, learning to read, write and work confidently with numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, developing strategies for adding and subtracting across tens and hundreds.

Year 4:

In Year 4, we will extend our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to 10,000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction, developing efficient written methods and applying these to solve problems.

PE

Lessons A: Golf

Lessons B: Cross Country

Science: Electricity

As well as exploring electrical safety, we will look at and use electrical components to build working circuits. We will understand the terms insulator and conductor and use this knowledge to predict whether a circuit will work or not. We will learn the scientific symbols needed to draw our own circuits.

RWE: Creation

What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?

We will begin by thinking about what makes the world wonderful for us, as individuals, before looking at Genesis in more detail and exploring what this text means for Christians.

Children will place the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story' and make clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation. They will be encouraged to ask questions and suggest answers about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today, and for people who are not Christians.

PSHE

Class Expectations

Beginning and Belonging

We will think about what we want Swallow Class to be like and how we can build and nurture a sense of community in our classroom.