

Swallow Class Overview – Spring 21

We start this term learning about winter. We're going to look at what we notice during winter, longer nights, colder weather, no leaves on trees etc, and we are going to collect some natural winter items like leaf skeletons and berries to make an ice sculpture with. We'll also be writing winter poems, focusing on adjectives and powerful words.

Then our learning will move on to dinosaurs! Throughout this topic we will touch on many curriculum areas – we'll learn about Mary Anning's life in history, and look at which continent dinosaurs were found on in geography, learn about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores in science, and make clay models of dinosaurs in art.

In English we will be focusing on past and present tense, 1st and 3rd person, and using conjunctions. We will mainly do this through the book 'dino dinners'. Reception children will be planning their own version of Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.

In phonics the reception children will be learning the phase 3 vowel digraphs, and the y1s will be focusing on the alternative pronunciations for some sounds.

In maths reception children will be learning numbers up to 10, including the composition of each number, and one more and one less, and counting on and back. Y1 will be focusing on numbers up to 20 – first place value and then addition and subtraction. Y2 will start with a unit on money, and then multiplication and division for the rest of the half term.