

Swallow Class



Autumn Term 2021

Firstly, I welcome you and your children to Year 6 and to Swallow Class. I am thrilled to be teaching your children as they embark on their final year at Our Lady's. It has been an incredibly strange year. However, I have already seen lots of enthusiasm and excitement about being back in the classroom, where everything can now be a little more 'normal'.

This year is extremely important for Swallow class. I have high expectations of them and after the first few weeks, am confident they'll rise to the challenges ahead!

In English we have already begun learning about our new text 'Kidnapped' and look forward to seeing the fantastic fiction and non-fiction pieces of writing that evolves from this.

Changes

We now have 3 10 minutes breaks throughout the day and are back in the hall to eat lunch with family service.

In maths we have started by focusing on number and place value which is now being taught through Power Maths. This is an exciting development.

In RE we start with 'Family' and how we can look after one another, even though this can sometimes seem challenging. We have daily prayer sessions and will return to whole school assemblies. Father Peter will now be involved with school life and support the class with regular visits.

Science will focus on light and then evolution and inheritance.

In our humanities lessons, we are starting off by diving into WWII and the significance it had on the people of Great Britain and the world. We will be geographers, looking at different countries' involvement around the world and learn about the history too.

Internet safety is paramount and we will remind ourselves of etiquette online.

Homework

We will continue to use an online approach to homework. Children will be given a range of online platforms such as Google Classroom, IXL, Get Epic and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Weekly homework will be set on the Classroom. If there are questions regarding access to the internet please feel free to message me.

Our current class novel is Holes and the children have already shown a great enthusiasm for Louis Sachar's classic. Feel free to purchase a copy but I request children don't read ahead as not to ruin the storyline.

RSE will be taught by myself and will begin by looking at how we are made as a likeness of God. You should have received information on how you can access the parent portal through Parentmail/Dojo.

PE will take place on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

The new lunch menu can be found on the school website.