

# Swallow Class



Autumn Term 2020

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 and the children's attitude towards their learning has been excellent.

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.

## PE

Lessons are on a Monday and Thursday and as you are already aware, children must be wearing kits in on those days.

In maths we have started by focusing on number and place value which has solidified our learning from previous years. Next, we move onto the four functions.

In RE we start with Creation and how rules and expectations can affect our lifestyles and the lifestyles of those who choose to follow a religion.

We have daily prayer sessions as we are unable to have whole school assemblies and this gives us time to reflect on our thoughts and reflect on ourselves, our thoughts and our days. Father James is very much involved with school life and supports 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.

## Homework

Due to the ever-changing and unpredictable tides we are currently facing, we have decided to take an online approach to homework. Children will be given usernames and passwords for a range of online platforms such as Google Classroom, IXL, Get Epic and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Homework will be set weekly and there is further information on the website about this.

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.

It is vital that you keep in contact with the school through platforms such as Class Dojo as well as ParentMail. The majority of important notices are fed through these platforms,

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) is new to the curriculum and I have sent information regarding the Parent Portal through Dojo.