# Pirton School Swifts Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

# **English Units:**

## Tiger in a Tropical Storm

Children will build up to writing their own narrative. We will be practising expanding sentences with conjunctions and also adding some noun phrases.

#### Poetry– A range of poems

Children will become familiar with a range of poetry.

#### Julian is a Mermaid

In this unit we will be leading up to writing a diary extract. Children will be practising writing in the correct tense and in first person.

#### 100 things not to do with a granny.

At the end of this unit, we will write a poem. Children will practice using verbs in their writing and also to use apostrophes for contraction.

#### **Traditional Tales**

In this unit we will be write a diary extract remembering to write in the correct tense and in first person.



#### History - Movers and Shakers

Children will study the life and impact of a significant individuals from around the world. They will complete in-depth studies of significant explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, and significant activists Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks and think carefully about the impact of their actions.

# Geography - Let's Explore the World

We will learn to use an atlas to find out about the world's continents. They will revisit the four compass points and use a key to read a map. Children will locate the equator, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the North and South Poles. They will learn that hot places are closer to the equator and cold areas are further away. They will compare England to Somalia in Africa to find similarities and differences.



#### Art - Mix It

This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing.

#### Art - Still Life

This project teaches children about the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques.

#### DT - Remarkable Recipes

This project teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria.



# Maths Units:

Place Value – counting, representing numbers, comparing groups and numbers and ordering numbers.

Addition and Subtraction – Money, adding and subtracting multiples, adding more and subtraction.

**Multiplication** – Counting in multiples, equal groups, times-tables and arrays



# Science - Human Survival

Children will learn that humans are living things and a type of animal, called a mammal, that grows and changes. They will learn about the human life cycle and think about what humans need to survive, including food, water and shelter. They will learn about the four things we need to stay healthy: a balanced diet, plenty of water, exercise and enough sleep. They will learn about the importance of exercise and about hygiene practices, such as washing hands and brushing teeth. They will investigate why we should use soap to wash our hands and bodies.

#### Science - Habitats

Children will learn what a habitat provides for the plants and animals that live there and that habitats contain both living and nonliving things. They will identify living things using the seven life processes and sort the non-living things into those that have lived and those that have never lived. They will research how a woodland habitat provides the things necessary for the survival of the animals that live there.



Computing – Online Safety		PSHE - Families and Relationships and
We will discuss the importance of passwords and keeping		We will be learning that families are composed of
passwords safe. We will discuss how communities connect,		different people who offer each other care and support.
together, using the Internet and look at blogging as a way of		Learning how other people show their feelings and how
connecting and communicating both in class and in school		to respond to them. Looking at conventions of manners
using Purple Mash.		and developing an understanding of self-respect.
Computing – Touch Typing		
This unit of work uses 2Type is designed to help the children		PSHE - Health and Wellbeing
learn the basics of quick and efficient typing.		In this unit we will be learning about the benefits of
Computing – Presenting		exercise and relaxation on physical health and
Children will create their own presentations. They will		wellbeing; strategies to manage different emotions,
incorporate many features they have learnt like adding media		setting goals and developing a growth mindset and
and animations as well as creating titles.		understanding dental hygiene
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RE	PE - Dance (Fireworks),	
Children will become	Children will learn to apply air patterns, jumps and shapes into dance phrases. They explore	
familiar with Christian	additional dance elements such as tempo, space and dynamic through movement. Children	
and Muslim symbols	will build up to creating a group dance phrase based on the movements and sounds of	
and artefacts and	fireworks.	
research their place of		
worship. Children will	PE - Gymnastics (shapes)	
explore different beliefs	Within this unit, children will create basic, low and medium level shapes with linking,	
and practices and how	mirroring and balances.	
Christians and Muslim	C C	
support their	PE - Games (ball skills)	
communities. We will	Children will learn to demonstrate control and balance in basic movements, such as avoiding	
also remind ourselves of	other players. They will explore ball handling skills, controlling a moving ball and perform	
the Christmas story and	rolling and gathering skills.	
what the story means		
for Christians.	PE - Well Being/ Leadership	
(∰3×0₩)	The aim of this unit is to build upon the idea of yoga as a means to focus on oneself, to learn	
	some basic poses and relaxation techniques.	
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#### Music – Hands, Feet and Heart

We will focus on one song: Hands, Feet, Heart. Games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

#### Music – Ho, ho, ho

We will focus on the song: Ho Ho Ho - a Christmas song. Children will Listen & Appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and playing.

