

### Curriculum Overview

**All About Me:** Through our 'All About Me' topic, we will be learning a little bit more about ourselves! We will begin with a scientific focus, developing an understanding of how both animals and humans change as they grow. We will also consider what is important to us and use these ideas as inspiration for poetry. Finally, we will create our own self-portraits in the style of abstract artist Paul Klee.

**Queens:** During this topic, we will be learning about Great Britain's Queens! We will focus, in particular, on the life and reign of Queen Victoria and compare how life was different in Victorian times. We will also design and make our own crowns in readiness for a visit to Windsor Castle!

**The Gunpowder Plot:** Through this topic, we will learn about the events and characters of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. We will then hold our own fireworks celebration and use Writing and Art to share our experiences.

**The Snowman:** This topic takes inspiration from the author Raymond Briggs. Having familiarised themselves with the story of 'The Snowman', the children will innovate the story with their own ideas, sending the boy and the snowman on a new adventure! The children will then use pencil sketching to add illustrations to their stories. In the lead up to Christmas, the children will create their own Snowman tree decorations.

### Home Learning

Home learning is focused upon helping the children to practise and secure core skills which will really support their progress and ability to engage fully with the wider curriculum. The children's home learning packs are made up of activities that will enable this.

Every week, home learning includes:

- **Reading** - Daily reading and discussion of the text (up to 15 minutes as a guide). This should be noted in their Reading Records by an adult.
- **Spelling** - Practise of the Year 1 and Year 2 statutory spellings (tested termly).
- **Maths** - Practise of key number facts and early multiplication tables to help them work toward the next step of the 'Mytchett Mental Maths Challenge'.  
- All children also have an individual login to Doodle Maths (glued into the front page of their Reading Records) to use at home. They should aim to earn 50 Doodle Stars per week.

### Our Reading

Some of our Reading this term is going to include:

- 'Giraffes can't Dance' by Giles Andreae
- 'Something Else' by Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell
- Non-fiction texts about Queens and The Gunpowder Plot.
- 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew
- 'The Queen's Knickers' by Nicholas Allan
- 'The Snowman', 'Father Christmas' and 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs

Can you find any other books at home or in the library?

## MYTCHETT PRIMARY SCHOOL Autumn Term 2019



### Swallows – Year 2

All About Me!

Queens

The Gunpowder Plot

The Snowman

A brief bulletin of key information needed for this term.

### Important Dates

Friday 6th September - SMILE Afternoon  
Monday 16th September - Teacher led clubs begin  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September (2:50pm and 6pm) – Year 2 Meet and Greet  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September (3pm) – Swallows 'All About Me' gallery  
Thursday 3rd October - Maths Afternoon  
Friday 4th October - SMILE Afternoon  
Wednesday 9th October (9am) - Harvest Festival  
Tuesday 15th October (3:30-6:30pm) and Thursday 17th October (5-8pm) - Parents Evening  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle (anticipated cost: £17 – details to follow)  
Thursday 24th October - FFMPs Spooky Disco  
Friday 25th October - INSET Day  
Monday 4th November - Mytchett Meets the World  
WB 11th November - Anti-bullying Week  
Friday 15th November - Children in Need  
Tuesday 19th November - Individual photographs  
Monday 25th November - INSET Day  
Friday 29th November - Teacher led clubs end  
Friday 6th December - SMILE Afternoon  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (1:30pm) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (6pm) – KS1 Christmas performance  
Friday 13th December - Christmas Craft Day  
Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

### Important reminders for each week

PE kits are needed on a **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** but we recommend that they stay in school every day and go home to be washed at half term. Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains:

- Mytchett logo PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black tracksuit top
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls (that fit!)

Please remember to take out your child's earrings on PE days. Please also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

### Swallows staff

**Class teacher:** Miss Russell  
Mrs Bourne (Thursday)

**Support Staff:** Mrs Cope

**Subject teachers:**  
Mrs Emsden (French)  
Mr Ormston (PE)

