

## Topic

In history, Dove class will be learning about the difference between weather and climate. The children are exploring how weather describes what happens day to day, while climate looks at weather patterns over a long period of time.



They will use simple examples and discussions to help them understand how these ideas affect the world around us. We will also be learning about different biomes around the world and how climate affects the plants, animals, and environments found there.

## English

In English this term, your child will be learning about a short animation called **Taking Flight**. They will explore a range of different narratives, focusing on characters, settings, and plot. The children will develop their writing skills by learning how to use extended noun phrases to add more detail and description, helping to make their sentences clearer and more engaging. We will also be learning how to use similes within a narrative to create a more vivid and imaginative description.

It would be beneficial if parents/carers could watch the animation with their child at home, which can be found on YouTube, and talk about the story together to further support their understanding.



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## Newsletter – Spring 2026

### Dove Class

Welcome to the Dove Class Curriculum Newsletter.

This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Jackson directly, in the first instance.

## Maths

This term in maths, Dove class will be learning how to subtract using the column subtraction method. They will practise subtracting numbers step by step, including exchanging when needed, and will also learn the difference between the minuend and subtrahend to better understand how subtraction works.

## Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about the states of matter. They will explore solids, liquids, and gases, investigate the properties of each, and learn how materials can change from one state to another through heating and cooling. They will also be learning about the water cycle and how water moves through the environment in different forms.



## PE, Swimming and Forest Schools

All children in Dove class will have a PE lesson on a Monday afternoon with Soccer 2000. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (including joggers) in school as it is expected all children participate.

On Thursday afternoons **ALL** children will have swimming lessons at St Regis Church of England Academy.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on this day. **Swimming is part of the national curriculum and all children are required to take part.**

- Monday - P.E
- Wednesday - Forest Schools
- Thursday - Swimming

## RE

In Religious Education Dove class will be learning about festivals of light, which are celebrated in many religions around the world. These festivals often use light—like candles, lamps, or fireworks—to symbolize hope, goodness, and the triumph of light over darkness. We will explore the religious festivals of All Saints' Day, Advent, Diwali and Hanukkah.



## Diary Dates

10th February - Safer Internet Day

2nd February - National Story Telling Week begins

12th February - Dads' and Grandads' Breakfast

23rd February - INSET Day

5th March - World Book Day

9th March - Science Week begins

13th March - INSET Day

20th March - Come Dine With Me