



The Flight of the Swallows - Take one Picture

Topic Overview & Cross Curricular Learning

Throughout school, our topic for the first two weeks of term will be inspired by John Lorimer's 'The Flight of the Swallows'.

In **Geography** we will find places around the world where different birds migrate. We'll look at the geographical features of those places, and will think about the climate there.

In **History** we will consider the period of time in which the painting was produced - what was life like then? What might the characters in the painting enjoy? How would their lives have been the same as ours? How might they have been different?

In **Design and Technology**, we will make dioramas inspired by the artwork for entry into the Stannington Show.

In **Art and Design**, we will produce watercolour paintings of birds for entry into the Stannington Show.

In **English** we'll be thinking about the characters in the painting- what has happened in the moments before the painting? Why is one of them upset? We'll be writing descriptively in character.

In **Maths** we'll be practising recognition of Roman Numerals to 100 and then will begin work thinking about place value in numbers up to 10 000 (Block 1 of the White Rose Hub Year 4 scheme).

In **Science**: We'll be thinking about birds which migrate, why they migrate and how they have adapted to life on the move.

In **RSE/PSHE** we'll be thinking about our hopes and aspirations for life in Year 4 and will think about how we can help each other to work towards them. Based on the fairy tale by Oscar Wilde, we'll be reading 'The Happy Prince' and will think about the model of friendship which this demonstrates to us.

Our chosen picture for this introductory school topic is 'The Flight of the Swallows' by John Henry Lorimer.



Community

Our School values for this half term are *respect* and *honesty*. In the first couple of weeks, we'll be busy preparing some of our entries for the Stannington Show.

Environment

We'll be thinking about why our local environment is suitable for some species of birds all year round and why others need to migrate.

Challenge

We'll be thinking about the challenges that come with life in Year 4, and how we can best support each other to achieve our hopes and aspirations for this year.