

Literacy

We will continue to focus on the theme of animals and use the Night Zoo Keeper as a theme. This digital learning tool will inspire children to write through the use of fantastic imagery and online resources. This half term, we will be learning to write:-

Poetry

We will be writing some performance poetry on the emotive topic of animal cruelty. We will end this unit with a poetry slam off.

Information Text

This will be linked to the science topic of 'States of Matter' whereby the children will be writing about the water cycle.

Key objectives will be:-

Use simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings

Propose changes to vocabulary

Proof reading

Compose and rehearse sentences

Variety of sentence structures

Reading

This term we will be reading a variety of Poems and Information texts. Where possible these texts will be linked to animals and zoos or States of Matter (linking to science). Key learning objectives will be to understand that:-

Texts are structured in different ways for a range of purposes

Writers have different viewpoints

Writing has an effect on readers and how the author does this

We can retrieve and record information from non fiction texts.

R.E.

This term in RE we will be completing the topic 'Eucharist-Relating' and will be covering the topic 'Lent/Easter -Giving: Self Discipline.'

Key Value Mercy

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Science

We will continue with Living Things and Habitats and then move on to States of matter which will be taught through Literacy.

Pupils will be taught to -

Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C).

Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

History / Geography

We will be completing our Geography topic by comparing an European city with a city in the UK.

In history we will be studying who the Anglo Saxons were; where they came from and aspects of their daily life.

Maths

Children will be given mathematical tasks based on our topic and the learning objectives we need to cover this half term. They will be using their knowledge of multiplication and addition to work out the perimeter of different animal pens. They will also use all four operations to work with measures and the skill of conversion. The children will be taught the key skills and then asked to apply them in different ways to show that they are 'masters' in maths. The key skills taught this term will be to:-

Measure and compare lengths

Find perimeter and area of shapes

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) will be taught within literacy lessons and straight after lunch as a quick fire 15 minute activity. Skills covered will be—

Pronouns

Expanded noun phrases

Apostrophes

Prepositional phrases

Commas after fronted adverbials

Our spelling focus will be

Common words from key stage 1 and setting non-negotiables

Endings -sion

Endings spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian

Art / DT

We will be completing our recycling sculpture work on the topic of 'awesome animals' identifying strengths and areas for development. We will be experimenting with different effects and textures with paint and colours to help create mood and emotion.

P.E.

This half term we will be practicing skills which will enable us to play volleyball and basketball. The key objectives will be to-
Play competitive teams games
Understand the principles of attacking and defending

PSHCE

We will be focusing on *Getting on a Falling Out*. We will be learning to:

1. Work together in a group.
2. Be a really good friend.
3. Keep calm and overcome feelings of anger.
4. Solve a difficult problem with a friend and show mercy.



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

Please see website for a list of current extra curricular opportunities.

Music

Children will be continuing with their trumpet music tuition with Mr Milner for the rest of the year.

Educational visits and
outdoor learning
No visits this half term

Computing

Repeating Patterns

A unit that looks at the beauty of repeating patterns in nature and different methods of recreating these with digital art tools and photo editing. Where possible this will be linked to animals.

Homework

One piece of homework will be sent out on a Thursday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday. The homework will be reading, writing or maths. In most instances, it will always be linked to work we have covered in lesson time and will be designed to consolidate or extend learning. Homework this term may also link to our key value.

Spellings for the week will also be sent home on a Monday for a test in school the following Friday.

Useful websites

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/library-page>
www.ictgames.com/literacy.html
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>