

English

In English this half term we will be reading 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo to inspire our writing. We will be having a class debate on, 'Should animals be kept in captivity?' to develop our public speaking and listening skills.

Then children will have the opportunity to draft, improve and publish their own narrative based on The Butterfly Lion.

Maths

In maths we will be comparing and simplifying fractions, exploring factors, dividing with and without remainders, using two decimal places and revising written methods for addition and subtraction. We will learn to use a protractor to measure and draw angles accurately and be able to identify parts of a circle. In mental maths, we will focus on multiplication, and division (up to 12x12) and mental calculations.

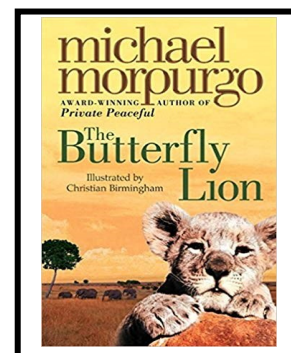
Science

This half term, the children will be learning about 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning how to describe the changes in humans as they age and draw a timeline to indicate the different stages. We will also learn about the changes that occur in humans during puberty.

Then we will focus our learning on animals, in particular, the stages of growth in certain animals, such as frogs and butterflies and create a timeline to indicate the different stages.



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Topic

In our topic lessons this half term we will be learning geography and art.

In geography we will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. We will be learning to name and locate many of the world's major rivers in an atlas. We will then learn the reasons why many cities are located near rivers and why people choose to live by them. We will try to understand why water is such a valuable commodity in the world. Lastly, we will be learning about the water cycle and how it works.

In art, we will be using line, tone, shape and colour to draw moving animals. We will use shading to create mood and feeling in our drawings and be able to explain why we have chosen specific techniques in our work.

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Curriculum Newsletter

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'Should lions be kept in captivity?'

Enrichment: House Of Illustration

PE: Basketball and Gymnastics.

Homework: Issued on Friday and due in on Wednesday. Weekly spelling test every Friday.

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about Hinduism. We will listen to and retell stories of Rama and Krishna and remind ourselves of the Diwali story and the importance of this festival. We will also visit a Hindu temple to see how Hindus worship.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about caring and respectful relationships. The children will be learning how to recognise who to trust, judge when a friendship is making them unhappy and learn how to resolve these issues.

Suggested books to read

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

River Boy by Tim Bowler

Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker

Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth

Suggested places to visit

Paradise Wildlife Park, London Zoo, The River Thames

Suggested websites to visit

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers.html>

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