

English

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

We will also have the opportunity to draft, improve and publish our own narrative based on The Butterfly Lion. Weekly lessons in grammar and reading linked to our topic will also take place.

It is very important that reading takes place every night at home for at least 30 minutes so that children improve their comprehension skills and increase their vocabulary.

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.

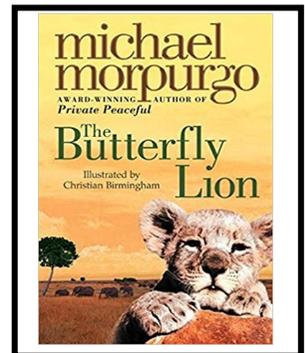
Science

Our topic this half-term is 'Living things and their habitats.' The main areas we will be studying will be linked to the life cycles of mammals, amphibian, insects and birds. We will also start to learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will be thinking about life both in our local environment and in the world.

We will also be finding out about the work of animal behaviourist Jane Goodall.



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Topic

We will be learning about climates in the world and biomes. We will be studying the plants and animals that live there. We will be studying the map of the world and the main lines of latitude.

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.

We will also look at some of the animal sculpture work of the artist Lesley Anne Greene. We will make our own clay sculptures of a lion's head.

We will also be making some festive cards and decorations for Christmas.

Ecology

we will investigate ways to improve our school environment to improve the habitats of plants and animals

French

The children will be learning words related to the classroom environment.

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'Is it ever right to keep animals in captivity?'

Enrichment: Lavender Class Assembly (20-11-20)

PE: Hockey

Homework: Given out on Friday, returned on Tuesday
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 the deferent ways to keep safe at home and school. These include internet safety, on the roads and when in school. We will also be looking at how bullying impacts on people's lives and ways to combat it.

Suggested books to read

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
Greta and the Giants by Zoe Tucker
Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo
Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth

Non fiction books about animals, plants and world climate

Suggested places to visit

Paradise Wildlife Park, London Zoo, Natural History Museum

Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/teaching-resource/animals-art>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/biome/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgssgk7>