

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 the topic "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

Maths will follow the White Rose scheme of work.

This term we will work with fractions:

- Comparing fractions
- Ordering fractions
- Converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Adding fractions
- Subtracting fractions

It is important that the children continue to practise their times tables and mental arithmetic at home to improve their arithmetic.

Science

Our work in science this term is to describe the changes as humans develop to old age. We will cover:

Where does the human life cycle begin?

How does a child prepare for adulthood?

What is a period?

When are new humans made?

Do other animals have the same life cycle?

What is the last stage of the human life cycle?



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History

This term we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons. We will find out how a variety of tribes migrated to the UK and settled here and how these settlers created five key kingdoms. We will learn how Christianity arrived in the British Isles. We will explore how historians and archaeologists learned about the Anglo-Saxons through the discovery of artefacts with particular reference to Sutton Hoo.

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Enrichment: Trip to the Museum of London

PE: Tuesday

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.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about different ways to keep safe at home and school. These include safety on the roads and while using the internet. We will also be looking at how to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so.

Geography

This term we will be exploring the oceans of the world. We will look at where the oceans and seas of the world are situated and consider their role in trade as well as how they are affected by climate. We will be aiming to draw conclusions about the relationship between the oceans, climate change, transport, food and tourism.

French (KS2 only)

This term we will be using vocabulary linked to the classroom environment.

Music

We will be studying pitch notation and understanding beat and rhythm. The children will work on their glockenspiel skills.

Suggested places to visit

The British Museum Sutton Hoo gallery (room 41)

Trafalgar Square to see the lion sculptures

Suggested books to read

Explore Anglo-Saxons by Jane Bingham

You wouldn't want to be an Anglo-Saxon Peasant! By Jacqueline Morley and David Antram

Art/DT

We will be exploring the work of Sir Edwin Landseer, in particular his lion sculptures in Trafalgar Square. We will sketch out our ideas for a lion's head made out of clay, practise our clay work skills then create our own lion's head sculpture.

Computing

We will be programming lightbots using block coding.