In Literacy we will be learning to...

Our topic this half term is 'All creatures great and small'. We will be using our reading skills to help us find out about different animals and writing non-chronological reports about a chosen animal. We will also be reading lots of fiction books with animal characters and writing our own animal stories. Year 3 children will need to use a greater range of punctuation, including speech marks, commas, exclamation marks and question marks. We will then move on to reading and talking about animal poems and writing poems of our own.



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In Maths we will be learning to...

As always, this half term we will cover a range of topics during our Maths lessons including place value, understanding what each digit in a number represents, and using this to help with all mathematical operations. We will also be learning to tell the time at 5 minute intervals (Y2 and Y3) as well as on the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. Children will learn to find fractions of both shapes and numbers. We will revisit 3D shapes and their properties, whilst extending learning to angles.



- What are the continents of the world?
- Where are the continents on a map?
- · What animals can be found in each continent?
- When and where was the first zoo?
- Why are so many animals endangered?
- What can we do to save more animals?
- What animals live in the local area?
- What are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores?



Reminders...

- To continue to hear your child read every day.
- Homework and spellings given out every Friday.
- PE is on Monday and Friday.
- Forest School will be on a Wednesday children will need wellies.

In Science we will be learning to:

This term we will be learning about plants. The children will learn to recognise familiar flowering plants and to name some of the main parts. We shall be planting seeds and conducting fair tests to find out the conditions which are best for germination and for continued healthy growth.

In PE we will be learning to:

Develop the skills necessary to play quick cricket (accurate ball throwing, catching, hitting with a bat) and the rules that apply to the game. Athletics- developing skills of speed, throwing, catching, jumping etc.

In Computing we will be learning to:

In computing lessons, we will continue to use 'Purple Mash'. Children will learn the functions of the 2Paint a Picture tool. We will learn about and recreate the Impressionist style of art and Pointillist art. We will also learn about the work of William Morris and recreate the style using the patterns template.

In RE we will be learning to:

This term we will be learning about Precious books. We will begin by learning about how they are read and handled and how they influence religious people. Children will then study stories from a range of religions. We will explore questions about belonging, meaning and truth so that we can express tour own ideas and opinions.



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In Art we will be learning to:

In art lessons we will carefully observe and illustrate animals. Children will then use clay to make a chosen animal and use tools to manipulate the shape and include patterns and details. We will then paint our animal models.

In Geography we will be learning to:

This term we will be exploring the seven continents and five main oceans of the world. We shall be using atlases and maps. We will then focus on the continent of Africa and find out about animals in this continent. We will also identify the physical and human features of Africa and compare with where we live in the UK.

In Music we will be learning to:

This term the children will focus on two units. The first unit is based on friendship and children will learn songs based on this theme. The second unit is called Reflect, Rewind and Replay. This unit consolidates the learning that has occurred during the year. All the learning is focused around revisiting songs and musical activities from the year.

In PSHE we will be learning: Who helps us to keep safe?

Children will know that people have different roles in the community to help them (and others) keep safe. Children will learn how to respond safely to adults they don't know and what to do if they feel unsafe or worried for themselves or others. We will also learn how to get help if there is an accident and someone is hurt, including how to dial 999 in an emergency and what to say.