

English

Our texts this term are *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers and *Supermarket Zoo* by Caryl Hart and Ed Eaves. Through these texts, children will develop their comprehension skills and explore their understanding of the characters, settings and story narrative. We will be writing across a range of text types, with some writing linked to our topic. We will be focussing on extending sentences and sequencing our writing. Children will be given a list of non-negotiable criteria that should be used consistently in all writing (such as full stops and finger spaces). In phonics, we will be securing our knowledge and understanding of all sounds across phase 2 to 5.

Maths

In maths, we will be building on our addition and subtracting skills by extending to include numbers within 20. Additionally, we will be extending our knowledge of place value to numbers within 50. We will use our skills and knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction when looking at measurement.

Computing

We will be looking at simple algorithms in computing and creating animated stories using computer software. We will be sequencing a series of pictures and using film and voice recording to create simple videos.

RE

Our first RE topic this term is '**Families and Celebrations**'. We will be exploring the unique relationships that exist within a family and putting this into the context of the family of God. We will look at the early life of Jesus and the sacrament of Baptism. Through the topic, '**Following Jesus**', we will be finding out about Jesus' disciples and how they were called to be followers of Jesus. We will reflect on the story of Easter and the Good News of the Resurrection.

Class Worship this term is 23rd March at 9.00.

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Big Question

Our Big Question this term is, **How do animals survive in our world today?** Our key concept is **Explore**.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday this term. Children will be given homework which supports and complements our learning in class. In addition, children will bring home a spelling list to learn before they are tested the following Thursday. Treading books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Children should read daily at home.

Topic

Our topic this term is **Animals and Us**. We will be learning all about the different characteristics of animals so that we can identify, describe and compare some common animals. We will be exploring our senses and talking about what we can see, hear, touch, feel and taste. In art, we will be exploring colour and how colours are mixed to create new ones. We will explore the work of Jackson Pollock and Matisse, 'The Snail' and creating our own colourful animal artwork. We will be exploring hot and cold places across the globe and finding out about animals that live in different climates.

PE

In Gymnastics we will be exploring jumps and rolls and putting together some short routines involving travelling in different ways. In Games we will be developing our throwing and bouncing skills and learning to catch with accuracy. We will be exercising these skills through simple tactic games.

Please ensure that PE kits for both indoor and outdoor use are kept in school.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at Computer Safety and learning about the golden rules to stay safe online. Through the unit, Being Responsible, children will be thinking about the things they have learnt to do for themselves and considering how to help other people.