

## Don't feed the animals

### English

For the start of the spring term we will be looking at techniques for persuasive writing. This will involve looking at the three key areas of persuasive writing that include:

- Ethos (Ethics or morality.)
- Logic (reasoning and convincing.)
- Pathos (Appealing to an audience's emotions.)

Children will also be exploring devices used in persuasive writing, specifically, metaphors and how they can be used to compare two ideas to make a symbolic connection. This will all be connected to our topic of animals using the text, *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo.

### MATHS

Children will be continuing to expand on their knowledge of multiplication and division this term. They will be using a range of techniques and resources to gain the ability to not only calculate but to reason and explain answers.

- 11 and 12 times tables
- Multiply 3 numbers
- Factor pairs
- Efficient multiplication
- Written methods
- Multiply 2 and 3 digits by 1 digit.
- Dividing 2 digits by 1 digit.
- Word problems

### SCIENCE

In science we will be exploring animals, specifically their habitats. Children will use a range of research skills to discover the following:

- Identify local invertebrates
- Make observational drawings
- Inspect and describe an animal's habitat.

### ART

Children will be contributing to the school's art exhibition based on the story of *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl. Children will be using a range of paints to create a forest background to present their forest poems completed in the previous term. Children will also:

- Using sketches linked with science to observe wildlife.
- Research various artists for inspiration for their own creations.

### HISTORY

Children will be investigating the Ancient Maya civilisation. This will include:

- Discover where and when the Maya built their civilisation.
- Investigate how they lived.
- Compare and contrast Maya life to that of a person's life in modern Britain.

### RE/SEAL

We will be looking at religious tradition, specifically in the Christian faith. This will include:

- Prayer
- Baptism
- Church attendance

This will then be compared with Islam to recognise similarities and difference between the two religions.

### PE

Children will continue to explore a range of exercises and techniques for keeping a healthy body and mind. This will include:

- Looking at a range of warm up activities and their importance.
- Using a range of muscles and exercises to help with a healthy physical body.
- Using cool down techniques such as meditation to help relax the body after exercise.

### GEOGRAPHY

Children will continue to progress with developing their skills in map reading. This will progress to using a compass to navigate and basic orienteering knowledge.

Children will also look at a range of different maps such as satellite images, hand-drawn maps and globes to compare the various features and benefits of each.

### Spring 1

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