St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map - Spring 2. Topic: Time travel.

Major outcomes for the topic:

Retelling

Reading - English

Through our new and exciting topic, we will be reading a variety or non-fiction texts about animals around the world. These will expose us to new vocabulary and help us to embed our knowledge on the key features of a non-fiction text. In addition to this we will also be reading The Jungle Book story and immersing ourselves into the story and its rich language.

Writing-

Within our writing this term we will have the opportunity to create our own non-fiction texts about an animal we will be creating on Switcheroo. We will write about their appearance, diet and habitats. Later in the term we will also write about our key text The Jungle Book, describing settings, characters and retelling the story in our own words.

Grammar-

In order to make our writing effective, we will be focussing on different sentence types and when to use the correct punctuation. To make our writing effective we will be using exciting noun phrases and thinking carefully about the purpose for writing. Our basic capital letters and full stops will be revised but as we are more confident with these we should be demonstrating them more consistently.

Spellings-

Our spellings will need to be practised at home and we will be learning new graphemes and spelling rules to help us be more accurate. Common exception words need to be learnt and used correctly in our work.

Mathematics

This half term, we will be revisiting place value and continuing to use the terms 'more than' and 'less than' to compare numbers. We will be ordering numbers, focusing particularly on ordering from greatest to smallest and identifying the value of each digit in a two-digit number. We will be using this knowledge to help us solve a range of problems, which will involve either fluency, problem solving or reasoning.

We will also revisit multiplication, understanding that this is repeated addition and using the terms 'groups of' to help us solve with concrete resources or pictures. Division will also be introduced to the children as 'sharing equally', where we will again use the C-P-A (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach to help us solve.

We will end the half term learning about fractions, which will be closely linked to our division unit. The children will be exposed to real-life fraction problems and be using concrete resources to help their understanding.

Science

In science we will be learning about a range of different animals. We will be grouping animals into fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals as well as learning about what animals need to survive. We will also start to use the terms herbivore, omnivore and carnivore when referring to animals eating habits.

History

Geography focus this half term.

Art & Design

In art we will be learning about pointillism and designing Aboriginal art work, which reflects our topic focused on Australia.

Design & Technology

Languages

We are learning fruit in French and the story 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Physical

Modern

Education

In PE our focus will be dance whereby we will be learning the skills of following a routine and working together in cannon and unison. In games we will be learning the skills of agility, balance and coordination which will then help us within our team games and events.

Computing

We will continue to use the BeeBots to help us understand algorithms by programming appropriately and if necessary debug to correct their program. We will be attempting to predict a route that the BeeBots can take with minimal or no errors.

Geography

In geography we will be continuing to understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of Portsmouth and comparing it to a small area in Australia.

Music

This half term we will have the opportunity to take part in the Southsea Singers Festival. We have lots of songs to learn and will be making sure we sing in tune, with clear diction and most importantly, enthusiasm.

Religious

This half term we will be learning about Holy week. We will be thinking about how Lent is a time of preparation and for seeking forgiveness. We will be reading a range of parables and trying to understand these. We will also be looking at the words of the Our Father and explore how the prayer helps us understand the relationship between Jesus and the Father.

Education

events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

We are very excited to welcome Zoolab to our school. A ranger will be bringing animals from the rain forests for us to handle and learn about. We will be asking questions and developing our knowledge and understanding to support our non-fiction writing in literacy.

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

We will use the inspiring novel of 'The Jungle Book' to encourage creative ideas and storylines.

PSHE / British Values

Through all areas of the curriculum and the ethos of the school we are developing a sense of community, respect, belief and responsibility for ourselves and others. We will promote democracy by voting for class members for the school council and a sense of law by writing our own class rules which pupils take responsibility for and agree to abide by.