

St. Swithun's: Year Curriculum Map – Autumn 1. Topic: All Creatures Great and Small

Create a healthy fruit salad
Information poster about The Mary Rose

English

To begin our exciting topic all about animals, we will read the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar, joining in with familiar phrases and creating actions for the story. We will also be listening to lots of other stories all about animals.

In reading, we will be using our phonics skills to sound out unfamiliar words and work on recognising our common exception words quickly within a text.

In writing, we will be focussing on sentence formation, ensuring we include key punctuation such as capital letters and full stops and we will read our writing back to check it makes sense. Our Year 2 children will be recapping their key punctuation as well as ensuring they include interesting vocabulary and conjunctions in their writing. We will also be practising our letter formation to ensure our handwriting is neat and legible.

Art & Design

We will have a focus on Design and Technology this half term.

Computing

We will begin the year by learning how to use the internet safely and respectfully. We will discuss the need to keep our personal information private and talk about who can speak to for help and support.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

Linking to our The Very Hungry Caterpillar story in English, we will be observing real caterpillars and the changes that occur as they transform into butterflies.

Mathematics

To start our half term, we will become more familiar with numbers between 1-100 and practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s between 1 and 100. We will practise our number bonds within and to 10 and 20 and use these to help us solve problems. We will use a 100 number square and look at the place value of numbers and their relationships. Using different resources, we will represent numbers in different ways and begin to identify the tens and ones in a two-digit number. We will use resources to help us find 1 more and 1 less of a number. Some of us will challenge ourselves to find ten more and ten less of a number. We will challenge ourselves to use our mathematical thinking to explain our number knowledge. We will look at what addition and subtraction is and begin to solve problems using resources to help us using our knowledge to explain our reasoning.

Design & Technology

We will be tasting different fruits and evaluating them by their appearance, smell and taste. We will then prepare a fruit salad.

Geography

We will have a focus on History this half term.

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

In addition to exploring the famous story The Very Hungry Caterpillar, we will also be reading lots of traditional tales during story time and discussing what we like and dislike.

Modern

Languages

We are learning animals in French and how to talk about our pets.

Music

We will be looking at soundscapes and creating mindfulness pieces based on an image.

PSHE / British Values

Our topic in the Autumn term will be relationships. We will be learning how to recognise others emotions and how to listen to others and play cooperatively. We will also be continuing our Happy Mind lessons with our meet your brain unit, learning about how our brains work.

Science

We will be beginning the year with our Animals and Humans topic. We will be learning about the different parts of our body and we will be exploring our senses by conducting experiments involving our taste, touch, hearing and smell.

We will also be discovering what animals need to survive and describing how it is important for humans to exercise, eat healthily and have good hygiene.

History

In history, we will be exploring our local history by learning about Henry VII's famous warship the Mary Rose. We will discover why the ship was important and what happened to it. We will also discuss the terms past and present and compare artefacts found on the Mary Rose with modern day items.

Physical

Education

In indoor PE we will be practising different balances in gymnastics. We will then use these to create simple sequences on the floor and on equipment.

In outdoor games, we will begin the year by practising our throwing and catching skills and then learn some racket skills.

Religious

Education

We will begin the year by exploring our new mission statement and what it means to us. In our Prayers, Saints and Feasts topic we will be exploring why we pray, the liturgical calendar, the rosary and thinking about how saints help us to know God better.