

# St. Swithun's: Year 1/2 Curriculum Map – Spring 1. Topic: In the Jungle.

**Major outcomes for the topic:**  
 Clarice Cliff inspired painted plates  
 Non-Fiction writing based on our Zoolab visit

## English

This half term, our writing will all be based around our exciting jungle topic! We will begin by writing a recount of our Zoolab visit, using time conjunctions such as first, next, then and finally to write about what happened. We will continue to work on making sure we are punctuating our sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces as well as using our Fred Fingers to help us spell words.

We will then move onto writing non-fiction texts about an animal we have created using the website Switchzoo. We will look at lots of examples of non-fiction texts about different features and then write about our animal's appearance, diet and habitat.

In reading, we will be continuing to learn our phonics sounds and work on building our fluency and speed when reading. We will also answer questions about the text to build our comprehension skills, with Year 2 children focussing on referring back to the text to answer the questions.

## Mathematics

We will begin this half term by refreshing our place value knowledge and continuing to become secure with our numbers up to 100. We will partition numbers using part part whole models and bar models. We will then learn how to divide by sharing amounts into equal groups. Recapping on our addition and subtraction knowledge, year 2 will learn how to add and subtract with exchanging. We will then begin to learn about fractions. We will find halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. Year 2 will also find thirds of shapes and amounts.

Ways to support your child at home: practising number formation, counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to 100 and recalling number bonds to and within 10 in year 1 and 20 in year 2.

## Science

In Science, we will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will compare a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). Finally, identify, name and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

## History

Geography focus this half term.

## Art & Design

In art we will be learning about primary and secondary colours. We will look at mixing colours and making patterns. We will finish by looking at Clarice Cliff and creating our own jungle themed painted plate.

## Design & Technology

Art focus this half term.

## Modern

## Languages

In our French lessons, we will be learning days of the week, months of the year and numbers up to 20.

## Physical

## Education

In PE our focus will be gym where we will be learning the skills of rocking and rolling, creating sequences and using apparatus safely. In games we will be developing our bat and ball skills to send and steer a ball safely in different directions.

## Computing

We will become more familiar with using a keyboard and mouse to enter and remove text. We will also change the look of the text, and will be able to justify their reasoning in making these changes. Finally, we will consider the differences between using a computer to create text, and writing text on paper.

## Geography

In geography we will be learning about what a jungle is like and identifying the locations of different jungles around the world. We will be finding out about animals and plants that can survive in jungles whilst learning about key physical and geographical features.

## Music

Children will be learning about the area of rhythm and ostinatos through percussion. The lessons will be based around the Jungle Book.

## Religious

## Education

Christmas  
 During this time, we will recap the Christmas story from the perspective of the three wise men. We will also be discussing how the birth of Jesus has changed people's lives.  
Revelation  
 In this unit, the children will understand how God reveals himself through Bible stories. The children will continue to recognise and retell the miracle stories.

### Exciting beginnings / 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

In English, we will be reading lots of different non-fiction texts about animals to support our writing as well as using the website Switchzoo to enhance our learning.

### 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 look at children's mental health week, the importance of sleep and our sense of identity and belonging.