

English

We will be looking at a range of animal themed texts, both fiction and non-fiction. Fiction texts will include 'Rumble in the Jungle' by Giles Andreae and 'Dr K Fisher' by Claire Llewellyn. We will look at a variety of information texts and how they differ from fiction texts, including key features, e.g., contents page, index, glossary, alphabetical order etc. After half term, we will also start to look at traditional tales.

Computing

We will look at common uses of IT in school and beyond. We will look at how to use the internet and software with a theme of Online Safety that will continue through the year. We will begin to learn how to take and use digital photography.

History

We will explore some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented. We will describe changes within living memory and aspects of change in national life. (How have you changed?)

Art & Design

We will learn about Joseph Cornell. His art represents significant times, days or events in his life; in the form of a scrap book page you might create from a day out. In design we will learn about moving mechanisms and include a little Christmas spirit in our design. We will also start exploring food and nutrition this term and make fruit faces.

Visits & Special Events:-

We are hoping to organise a visit to Woburn Safari Park this term – more details to follow.

Science

We will learn about animals including humans starting with looking at how offspring grow to adults and what basic survival needs there are. We will then find out about living things and their habitats. We will classify the living, dead and never lived. We will learn about how animals live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs. We will work on simple food chains, identify, and name different sources of food.

'A Walk on the Wild Side...'

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PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

Lola the Leopard will be helping us with our listening skills at the start of term. We will talk about our emotions and feelings. We will also look at our rights, rules and responsibilities and cover anti-bullying.

RE (Religious Education)

We will be thinking about the question: 'Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year?' After half term, we will be thinking about the question: 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians...?'

Music

We will listen to a range of live and recorded music looking at pulse, rhythm and structure. After half term, we will be developing an understanding of the melody of a song, with the aim to rehearse and present performances to an audience.

Mathematics

We will be looking at three blocks of learning; place value, addition and subtraction and shape. We will be building numbers in all sorts of ways to deepen the children's understanding of place value using 'The Steeple Big 5,' alongside a range of equipment, e.g., cubes, straws, coins, number lines etc. We will be working on number patterns and the quick recall of key number facts, e.g., number bonds to 20, and doubles to 20 etc. Finally, we will look at recognising and naming both 2-D and 3-D shapes and understand how to differentiate between them.

PE (Physical Education)

We will work on accurate throwing and catching in our Games sessions and skipping skills, in addition to 'Amazing Animals' as our theme in Dance.

Geography

Can you name the 7 continents of the world and the 5 oceans? We will learn to and look at maps to find different habitats around the world, e.g., desert, rainforest, ocean, polar habitats. We will also learn simple compass directions.

Further Information:-

Please refer to the weekly 'Star,' the 'Year Ahead' booklet and the class page on our school website for more information.

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Any questions please feel free to contact us via the school email: office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk