

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

Major outcomes for the topic:

We will be using our own non-fiction writing to create our very own mini book in each class.
Using the chatterpix app to create talking pictures.

Reading –

Through our new and exciting topic, we will be reading a variety of 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 and immersing ourselves into the story and its rich language as well as practising our key comprehension skills of prediction, inference and sequencing.

Writing-

Within our writing this term, we will write about our key text The Jungle book, describing settings, characters and retelling the story in our own words. After our exciting visit from Zoolab, we will also create our own non-fiction texts about an animal. We will write about their appearance, diet and habitat.

Grammar-

In order to make our writing effective, we will be focussing on different sentence types and when to use the correct punctuation. We will also be using exciting noun phrases and thinking carefully about the purpose for our writing. We will also revise using capital letters and full stops to ensure we are consistent in using these.

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.

English

Art & Design

In art we will be creating our very own jungle inspired print work using a range of materials and resources. We will use a range of colours and resources to create a jungle themed logo whilst building on the art and design skills we have learnt over the last term.

Computing

In computing we will be learning to become computer scientists! We will be learning about what algorithms are and then programming the beebots to follow our algorithm. We will also be using the chatterpix app to create talking pictures.

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.

Design & Technology

Art focus this half term.

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.

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.

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 be building on our addition and subtraction knowledge by recapping pictorial methods as well as solving problems including missing number problems and use of the inverse.

We will also be studying measure. We will begin by comparing heights with the terms 'shorter' and 'taller.' As well as estimating and measuring different object's length and recording this accurately in centimetres and metres.

We will finish the half term by identifying 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We also sort and compare shapes by their properties.

Modern

Languages

We are learning the days of the week and the months of the year.

Music

Our focus on animals will involve listening to existing music, composing our own pieces of music and singing songs. We will use instruments to accompany our singing and explore their sounds to create different effects.

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 also explore the term healthy and how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Science

In science we will be learning about a range of different animals including humans. 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.

Physical

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 co-ordination which will then help us within our team games and events.

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 be continuing to recognise and retell a range of Biblical stories.