

English

In handwriting we are focusing on continuing to develop our joins. When ready, the children will move on to using pen in their books.

We will be focusing on building the children's vocabulary using various tools such as fiction and non-fiction texts based on our topic. We will teach them to apply their learnt knowledge into a range of writing including a non-chronological report, persuasive letter and story writing all based around our topic of Deadly 60.

In grammar this term we will look at identifying proper nouns, using simple and embellished simple sentences and using a range of conjunctions in our writing.

Science

Through our 'Digestive System' unit of work, the children will find out how food is digested and where it travels around the body.

Linked to this are the different diets of animals and whether they are predators, prey or both.

We will revise the types of teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy.

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We are learning about all types of deadly animals, inspired by the children's TV programme 'Deadly 60'. We will see lots of deadly animals at Bristol Zoo on our trip!

Maths

The children will extend their knowledge of place value up to numbers with 4 digits, thinking about the value of each digit and ordering numbers.

We will use column addition and subtraction to solve two-step problems. These will also include money and measures problems.

Our focus for this half term is to use the mental strategy of 'round and adjust' – for example, when adding 9 to a number the best strategy is to add ten then subtract one.

We will practise the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8x tables and use written methods to multiply 2 or 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

Finally, we will find the area of shapes by counting squares and calculate the perimeter of simple shapes in centimetres and metres.

Computing

The children will use 'Comic Life' to design a short comic strip, considering which images and text to use. They will then use Scratch to re-enact part of their comic strip. We will also consider how to keep safe whilst using the internet and think about which images are appropriate to share online.

RE

With a focus on Judaism, the children will learn about the 10 Commandments and about the special relationship Jews have with God.

DT

The children will be learning how to sew as they create their own deadly animal using a range of materials.

Geography & History

Through our topic we will be exploring different characteristics of various dangerous animals which live in a range of habitats. The children will learn where these habitats are throughout the world and how the animals adapt to their surroundings.

PE

In Class PE, we will develop the skills needed for netball – lots of throwing and catching. With Mr Barnett, children will develop the skills needed to play football- passing and running with the ball.

PSHE

In PSHE, the focus will be on the children understanding who they are and celebrating similarities and differences as part of the school community and wider community.

Reminders

Bristol Zoo Trip: Thursday 5th October

Parents Evenings: Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October