

English

Our first piece of writing will be a recount of our exciting visit from Zoologist James McKay. We will then focus on our first piece of narrative writing using the book 'A Lion in the Library'.

Punctuation and grammar targets will be taught in the context of our writing but we will also be recapping our understanding of adverbs and adverbials in our recounts and will then look at subordinating conjunctions and subordinate clauses. We will work on using the forms a or an correctly and will be introduced to using inverted commas for direct speech.

Our whole class reading book is Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

RE

Our big question for this half term is: 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?'

We will have a visit from our local vicar, James.

PSHE

Our focus for this half term is on dreams and goals.

Important Information

- We will be taking part in an invasion games tournament at Alfreton Leisure centre on Wednesday 14th January. A letter will come home with further information.

We have a visit from the Animal Roadshow on Thursday 15th January.

Y3 and Y4 Spring concert – 24/3 (pm) and 25/3 (am) – in the school hall – more information will follow soon.

- PE this half term is on a Friday. We will be indoors. Children can wear plimsolls if they have them otherwise they will need to have bare feet please.

- Reading diaries are checked and dojo points assigned on a Friday.

- Children should be reading to an adult three times per week and completing 3 teacher set games per week on TT Rock stars. This will be really helpful as we move onto using our facts in formal methods.

Music

We will be preparing for our Year 3 and 4 Spring concert

Y3 Spring 1

Why do animals have bones?

PE

Our PE lessons will focus on gymnastic skills involving pathways and levels. The children will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. Explore quality body actions, body shapes and balances. They will link movements smoothly and with control and evaluate the quality of a movement and suggest how to improve.

Computing

We will be completing our unit on animations. We will then move onto branching databases.

DT

In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a small cushion. We will develop our sewing and applique techniques

Maths

We are following the White Rose Mastery Maths structure. This term we will be continuing to work on multiplication and division and will apply this to more formal methods. We will then begin length and perimeter.

Science

During this enquiry, the children will learn about animals, including humans. We will begin by identifying that humans have bones for support, protection and movement. We will learn the names of some of the bones in the human body. We will then investigate whether people with longer femurs can jump further. Our learning will then move onto thinking about the jobs that our muscles do inside the body. We will create a model of the arm muscles to demonstrate what happens to our biceps and triceps when our arm contracts and relaxes. We will then look at the skeletons of animals and will classify them as vertebrates or invertebrates. We will also be introduced to vocabulary including exoskeletons, endoskeletons and hydro skeletons. Finally, we will learn that animals, including humans need the right type of nutrition by looking at The Eat Well Plate and the importance of balancing the food groups in our diet.