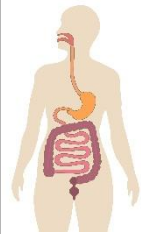


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English

In English this term, our core text is *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook, a rich and engaging adventure story set in Sri Lanka. Through this text, the children will develop their reading comprehension skills by exploring character, setting and themes, as well as building their vocabulary and inference skills. Our writing outcomes will include a newspaper report, where pupils will focus on using formal language and structuring information clearly. We will also write a persuasive letter, where they will learn to justify their opinions using strong arguments and emotive language. Finally moving on to writing a fact file on elephants, encouraging the use of precise, factual information. Throughout the term, there will be a strong emphasis on grammar, punctuation and spelling, as well as planning, drafting and editing their work to improve accuracy and creativity.



Geography

In Geography this term, we will be re-visiting our focus on the polar regions – Antarctica and the Arctic, and the effects of climate change on these areas. We will begin by looking at the impact of climate change on the world in general, before applying our knowledge specifically to these areas. Children will learn the meaning of key vocabulary, such as biomes, global warming, glaciers and sea levels.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans, with a sharp focus on teeth, digestion and food chains. Maple class will be faced with some intriguing questions, such as “Where does the food go when we eat it?” and “How does the food we eat affect us?” Through fun investigations and observations, the children will be able to name and describe the key features of the digestive system and construct and interpret food chains by the end of this topic. The vocabulary they will have exposure to consists of: digestive system, mouth, tongue, esophagus, stomach, canines, molars and incisors.

Maths

This term in Maths, the children will be continuing their work on decimals, however this time looking more closely at writing, comparing and ordering them. Last terms work will provide the foundations for the children to complete this. Soon after, we will be moving onto a new topic of Money, where will we have concrete examples to support us.

We will be working hard at our times table practice within school, in preparation for the MTC.



Art

In Art, the children will be learning about the artist Frida Kahlo, exploring her unique style and the historical and cultural influences behind her work. They will study her portraits to understand how artists express identity and emotion, and use this as inspiration to develop their own portraiture skills. The children will also experiment with collage and mixed media, combining different materials and techniques to create imaginative and expressive artwork.



Additional Information

- This term, we have **swimming** on a **Tuesday** and **P.E** on a **Monday** afternoon (outdoors) Please ensure your child has the correct kit which meets our school guidelines.
- Children are expected to read every night and record what they have read in their reading record, being signed by a parent/guardian. Also, please ensure your child is completing their homework weekly and handing in on a Friday.
- **To prepare for the Multiplication Test in June, please encourage your child to practise on www.timestables.co.uk and timestablerockstars.co.uk (or whichever method suits them best) as this will improve their speed and confidence!**

R.E and PSHE

In RE, Islam will be our main focus with close attention to Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr.

Our RHE focus for this term is Safety, Health and Wellbeing.