Year 2 curriculum overview Spring Term 2016

Our topic for this half term is 'Carnival of the Animals'. The curriculum overview below roughly outlines how the different subject areas will be covered. Some activities may change or different activities may be added depending upon which areas the children choose to investigate further.

Literacy:

As readers we will read stories from other cultures including *'Why Anansi Has Eight Thin Legs'* and *'Anansi and the Talking Melon'*. We will read traditional tales and about animals and explore rhythm and rhyme in books such as *'Rumble in the Jungle'*. We will also be investigating non-fiction texts about animals and their habitats.

As writers we will write narratives about animals and create non-fiction books full of animal facts. We will learn how to use sentences with different forms and punctuate them correctly.

As speakers we will orally rehearse stories and poems, and share our writing by reading it aloud.

We will share our home learning confidently.

Maths:

As mathematicians we will practise our 'Learn It's' daily including facts for x10 and x5 tables.

We will use q and G to compare numbers. We will add and subtract single digit numbers to/from 2-digit numbers, add and subtract two 2-digit numbers and understand that addition can be done in any order. We will use place value and number facts to solve problems and add several small numbers. We will estimate and measure weight. We will tell the time to the nearest quarter hour and measure activities in seconds and minutes. We will find fractions 1/2s, 1/4s and 1/3s of amounts by sharing and using number facts.

Science:

As scientists we will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for their needs. We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats including micro habitats.

We will learn about how animals obtain food and simple food chains. We will know about basic needs of animals and humans, and how to look after them, including the importance of exercise, food and hygiene.

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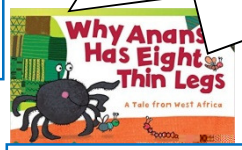
Geography:

As geographers we will identify and locate world habitats. We will identify and find on maps and globes where animals come from in the world.

Computing

As IT experts we will write learn how programs work by writing codes. We will use digital devices and the internet safely across the curriculum.



Art/Design and Technology:

As designers we will design and make healthy snacks. We will also design and make animal headdresses to wear at our carnival of the animals.

Visits, community links and events:

World Book Day 3rd March

Easter service at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 24th March at 2pm.

Carnival of the Animals day - March

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural and RE

As citizens of the world we will celebrate Easter in services at Holy Trinity Church. We will learn about spring festivals and celebrations of new beginnings. We will read and discuss stories with morals.

Music:

As musicians we will listen to Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens and learn about pitch using voices and instruments.