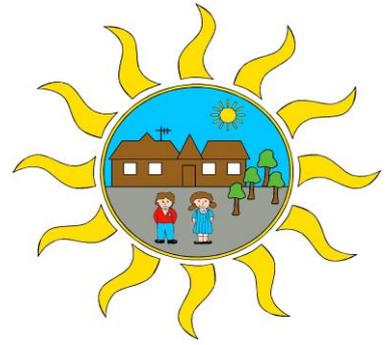


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Dear Parents,

We're into the home stretch! Welcome back for the Summer Term. This is going to be an action-packed, fun-filled term with lots of outdoor learning and an introduction to a new sport for many. We will also have the Key Stage 2 production, directed and produced by me! I knew that Drama GCSE would come in handy one day.

This term's topic is called **All Creatures Great and Small**, which as you know includes a whole-school trip to Marwell Zoo in May. This will, encompass as usual, most of the Wider Curriculum subjects

## **Maths and English lessons**

Children will be mainly taught in mixed ability groups for most of their Maths and English lessons. This is to enable us to best meet the requirements of all children. Where possible, some areas within these lessons may be linked to our topic.

In English, we shall be looking at *The Butterfly Lion* as our class text to write persuasive texts for a job advert and instructional writing – how to look after a big cat. We will also turn a chapter of the book into a playscript. Kicking off the term, though, we will look at traditional and performance poetry – you may like to show the children Michael Rosen or Benjamin Zephaniah perform their poems – and we'll look at Aesop's Fables and mix them up to create our own. Your continued help to hear the children read at home is still greatly appreciated! Targets for their reading will be set and highlighted and again, any help towards achieving these would be fantastic.

Across the term in maths we shall be covering properties of shape and position and direction (translation, reflection etc.), statistics, using money, mass and capacity and time while maintaining the basics of place value throughout. Children will continue to have times tables to learn each week and an informal test will be given to check their times tables knowledge every Thursday. I have implemented a rainbow system, with each colour having two times tables with increasing difficulty. It is expected that the children will be able to both multiply and divide using their times tables knowledge.



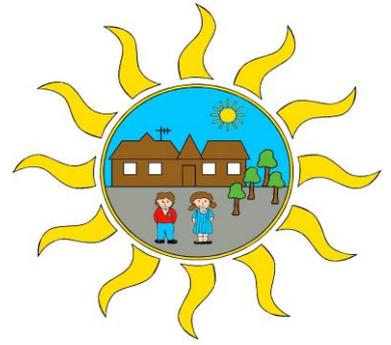
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## **Art**

Linked to our topic, we will be exploring Pablo Picasso's line drawing of animals. The children will have a chance to view, critique, copy, create and evaluate across this block.

## **Languages (French)**

In French we will be building on last term's work on numbers and finishing up counting to one hundred. We will also link French to our topic by talking about our pets and animals and also the habitats we might find animals in.

## **Computing**

Computing will see the children developing coding skills using a game called Code Combat. This is an online based games and the children all have their own logins so if they want to play at home they can.

## **PE**

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day please. As usual one lesson a week (Thursday) will be taught by Aspire. I will be introducing the children to a version of American Football called Flag Football. It's very similar to tag rugby but using the principles of American Football instead. Friday is swimming, so please make sure that the children have their kits and, for long hair (boys and girls!) a hair tie or swimming hat will be required before they are allowed in the pool.

## **Geography**

Geography will look at the effects of climate change on the planet and communities, which is a hot topic (no pun intended). This will also encompass the skills of map and compass reading and using 4- and 6-figure grid references to locate areas of interest.

## **Science**

Science this term will be linked to topic again. We'll look at animals including humans, nutrition, skeletons and muscles, food chains, habitats and classifying animals.

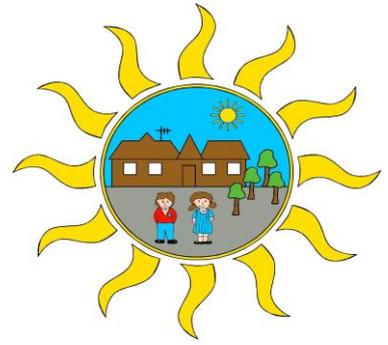


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## Music

Music will again be linked to our topic, looking at using our bodies to create music, music linked to food and drink and finally the environment.

## PSHE

I have heard a lot of excitement at playing MMO games on consoles and computers, so we will talk about game classification and playing online safely. Having been a young adult during the explosion of online gaming, I hope to bring some personal experience to these discussions and everyone will be able to continue to play safely. We'll continue to have class discussions about anything they are worried about or want to celebrate. To that end we have a new display in the corridor by Mrs Pay celebrating mental health and positivity.

## DT

In a link with some of the early Science work we'll be looking at, DT will investigate healthy eating and preparing and storing food safely. We will go on a food journey around the world, looking at different foods and how they are used. We will look at correct knife handling and how to store and prepare different types of food.

As said earlier, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping the children learn their times tables, spellings and hearing them read. There will be time every day for the children to quiet read and to change their book if needed. Please also continue to keep practising times tables and spellings at home. This is going to be a full-on term with lots to be doing and lots of extra-curricular activity going on, so hopefully a lot of stories to be told at the end of the day. Just a reminder that I do operate an open door policy, so if there is anything you wish to discuss with me do pop your head in in the morning or collar me at the end of the day.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to the speaking with you through the term.

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