

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Our overarching topic this Spring Term is 'Animals'

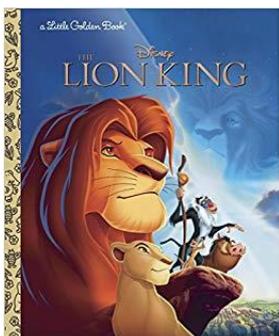
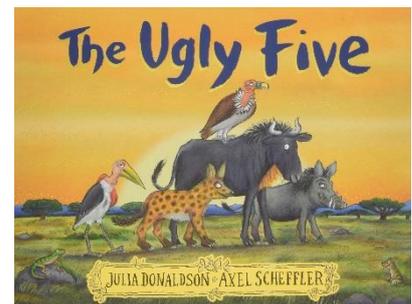
This half term our focus will be 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'



Hook for a Book

The children are going to be continuing their learning on a familiar author. The author we have chosen is Julia Donaldson.

The children will be reading the newest book to Julia Donaldson's collection called 'The Ugly Five'.



To start our 'The Ugly Five' with a boom the children are going to be watching 'The Lion King' on Monday 4th March.

English

In English, we will be using the story 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson to ignite our learning. This story is about five of Africa's ugliest animals who rejoice in their ugliness and delight their babies who think they are perfect in every way.

From this story, the children will be learning to write a variety of text types such as a character description, instructions on how

to make an animal mask, a fact file about the African Savannah and a book review on their favourite Julia Donaldson book.

As well as this, the children will also be consolidating skills they have learnt so far this year such as:

Year 1: How to write grammatical sentences, using punctuation correctly and spelling words with prefixes and suffixes.

Year 2: Using a variety of conjunctions for effect, understanding different sentence types and applying spelling rules for longer words.



Mathematics

In maths this half term we will be covering fractions and measurement.

Year 1: Will be learning to find half and a quarter of shapes, objects and amounts. When measuring they will learn how to measure the length, height, weight, capacity and temperature in a practical way and how to record in cm, L and ml. The children will be using rulers, meter sticks, jugs and thermometers to measure different things. They will then be using what they have learnt to solve practical problems.

Year 2: Will be learning to recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. They will also be learning how to write simple fractions, for example $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

When measuring they will learn to choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}$ C); capacity (litres/ml), using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels in a practical way. The children will also learn how to record measurements and compare them. They will then use what they have learnt to solve practical problems.

Topic

We are currently enjoying our work in Science, exploring animals and their characteristics. We have found out animal groups and if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We will also be learning about lifecycles, naming adult and baby animals. We welcome any visits from pets, please see you child's teacher. Next we will learn the skill of printing in Art. We will look at different animal print and patterns before creating our own.

Finally in History we will find out about significant individuals and the impact that they have made in their life - we hope to link this person to our theme of animals

PE will return to Mondays for all of Year 1 and Year 2 this half term. Starting Monday 4th March. We are lucky enough to have a cricket coach to teach the children leading up to a competition for some. (You will be informed if your child has been selected for this).

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Dates for your diary

Monday 25th February 2019 - INSET DAY

Monday 4th March 2019 - Walk to school week

Thursday 7th March 2019 - World Book Day

Monday 11th March 2019 - Key Stage 1 Home Learning Exhibition

Thursday 14th March 2019 - Scootability

Friday 15th March 2019 - Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Easter Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 4th April 2019 - School Reports

Friday 5th April 2019 - Non-School Uniform Day (£1 contribution)

Monday 8th April 2019 - Easter Holidays

If there are any changes made to these dates or further dates to be added, we will send out a letter informing you of this.

Thank you for your continued support