

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

EYFS Knowledge Organiser

'Animal Kingdom'

"Loving God In All We Do."



Our themes for this half term

This half term we will be working on the following themes:

- Spring
- Life Cycles
- Animals and pets
- Dinosaurs (Mary Anning)
- Easter

We will continue to learn how families gather and celebrate at mass through our Gathering RE topic. Through our Growing RE topic we will be learning about Spring as a time when things begin to grow, and Lent is a time to grow to be more like Jesus.

We will also be observing the changes within the life cycles of various animals. We will also know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, through our dinosaur topic.

By the end of the topic we will...

Understanding the World

Compare and contrast figures from the past.

Explore the natural world around us, making observations and drawing pictures of animals

Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.

Phonics & Reading

We continue to work through the Phase 3 sounds in our phonics lessons. These sounds do get progressively more difficult so a little practise each night will definitely support your child to become more confident recognising them.

We shall also continue to focus on reading the tricky words, i.e. words that cannot be sounded out.

Phase 2 words: I; no; go; to; the; and.

Phase 3 words : he; she; we ;be; me; was; my; you; her; they; all; are.

Please remember that children's books will be changed each Monday .Can parents try to leave a comment in their reading record so that we know these books have been read .

Literacy

This half term we will have a poetry and non-fiction focus. We will talk about various animals and will read and write simple facts and sentences about these. We will also focus on rhyming in our poetry and will learn some poems about dinosaurs and animals.

Maths

The children will continue to work on their number recognition and ordering. We will begin to understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers and explore the composition of numbers to 10. As well as developing our automatic recall of the number bonds to 5.

Forest School

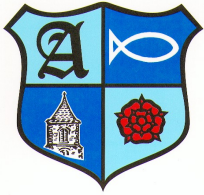
This half term the children will begin Forest school each Wednesday afternoon. On these days the children will be required to attend school in sensible outdoor clothing which you do not mind getting dirty. Please ensure that your child wears warm clothing and their waterproofs and wellies are in school. Further details will be sent to parents regarding this.

Snack

We are very lucky to be able to provide the children with additional snack each day. In order to continue this we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 each week .

Pumps

As you may have noticed we have new carpets in each of our class areas. May we ask that children bring their school pumps to school so that they can be worn inside the classroom to avoid the carpet getting dirty or ruined .



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Wider curriculum learning

This half term we will engage in non-fiction books and writing. The children will write fact files and label/describe various animals, as well as read various books and poems about animals. We will continue to develop new subject specific vocabulary through each of our topics and understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them through our Spring topic.

We are going to read:

Poems based on animals.

Owl Babies

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Tadpole's Promise

Non fiction Texts on Animals

The Dinosaurs Diary

Mad about Dinosaurs

Let's try this at home

Visit the farm or zoo and talk about the different animals that you see.

Talk about the lifecycles of different animals you might see in your garden.

Visit the museum and look at the dinosaurs fossils.

Go on a Spring walk– what signs of Spring can you spot?

Key dates for this half-term

Term Starts - 21st February **World Book Day** - Thursday 3rd March 2022

Half-Term (Easter Break) - Monday 4th April –Wednesday 20th April 2022