

Maths

The children will continue to develop their mental arithmetic skills, focussing on times tables, addition and subtraction skills using the context of money and ordering numbers using place value. We will also be adding and subtracting larger numbers horizontally and vertically, identifying division as the inverse of multiplication and writing maths stories. The children will explore fractions and learn how to order and compare these. The children will begin to learn how to multiply larger numbers using a technique called 'the grid method'.

Please support your child by encouraging them to work on their times tables and by encouraging them to complete their home learning in good time.

English

Our English lessons all have an animal theme and include; a quest adventure using 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith, explanatory writing using 'Wolves in the Walls and Wolf', and poetry, through the text 'I Am Cat'. The children will continue to develop their grammar skills through the texts and speaking and listening will continue to be a key focus.

Please encourage your child to read every night as by doing this your child will make the best possible progress.

French

The children will continue to develop their conversational French with greetings, names, numbers, colours and animal names. These will be taught in context throughout the week and also through games and activities.

Computing

The children will continue to extend their research skills using the internet. They will develop their presentation skills using different programmes alongside their typing skills. In addition, the children will be creating branching databases for animal classification.

Fernworthy Topic Summer 1 Producers, Predators and Prey!



PSHE

The focus for this half term will be drug education (see earlier information) and caring for the environment. They will also be taking part in team building activities as part of their outdoor education sessions.

RE 'Easter'

The children will explore the joy of the Easter story through role play, art and music. They will consider the first witnesses and how they too can be witnesses today.

Music

Our theme for this half term is 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint Saens. The children will enjoy listening and responding to the music linked to the animals that we are studying.

PE

The children will be taught athletics each Friday. In addition they will have outdoor education one afternoon a week when they will be working towards obtaining the John Muir Award. **PE kits and wellies needed!**

Science

We will be focussing on habitats, classification, food chains and webs, effects of change, management and animal diets.

We hope to take the children to Dartmoor Zoo.

You can help by getting the children out and about and "spotting" nature.

Art & Design

The children will be sketching animals, using watercolour, creating a moving animal flick book and designing a safe home for a hedgehog!