

ENGLISH

We will look at a variety of texts throughout the term. We will start by looking at short stories in a variety of genres using the book "Short!" By Kevin Crossley-Holland. We will then look at how to write play scripts using a child-friendly version of Macbeth. We will look at poetic form and figurative language in more detail when we study a range of poems by Roger McGough with the aim of writing our own using his themes and style. There will be an opportunity to look at classic fiction when we read Ted Hughes' "How the Whale Became" and compare with Rudyard Kipling's "Just So" Stories. We will learn also about persuasive writing, letters and journalistic recount writing using our topic theme. Year 6 will also have opportunities for SATS preparation for the SPAG and Reading tests and writing assessment.

COMPUTING

This term, there will be a continued focus on online safety. We will also look at classification and databases using computers and the children will get opportunity to program to make their own game. There will be an online safety workshop for parents / carers on Monday 4th February.

PSHE

We will learn about looking after ourselves and others around us. We will be considering people around us, looking in particular at different national, religious and ethnic identities in the UK and challenging stereotypes. We will look at the different types of relationships we have with others.

PE

We will be learning dance in the first half of term based around our topic theme. This will be with the help of a local specialist dance teacher who will share her expertise with the children. Saints SW will continue to lead weekly sports sessions.

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Circle of Life

SCIENCE

This is a science based topic this term. We will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will learn that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but that they vary rather than are identical. We will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that this may lead to evolution. We will look at the discoveries of Darwin, Haeckel, Hutton and other evolution theorists and track through the changing opinions of the church through to Pope Francis' acknowledgement of evolution being God led. Children will learn to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and will describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will look at how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. Children will learn to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

FRENCH

In French lessons, pupils will be developing their spoken and written French, through the topics of toys, likes and dislikes, numbers, sports and weather.

MUSIC

We will be learning songs linked with Darwin's discoveries and theories. We will then create our own compositions incorporating sounds from nature.

MATHS

For the first few weeks of term we will concentrate on fractions. We will learn to identify fractions in different representations, convert improper fractions to mixed numbers, calculate using fractions, find equivalences and represent fractions as decimals and percentages. We will then focus on decimal numbers and refining our calculation skills and solving problems. We will then learn about patterns and extend this into algebra. Later in the term we will continue our learning with a focus on geometry. We will look in depth at angles of circles, triangles and around lines. For many children the aim will be to explain mathematical thinking, solve problems and create new puzzles themselves. Year 6 will also have opportunities for SATS preparation for the arithmetic and reasoning maths tests.

RE

In RE lessons this term, pupils will study a number of topics: Epiphany – we will look at the role of the Wise Men and what we might learn from their journey and message today. Revelation – We will consider why people choose to have or not to have a faith. We then examine the conversion of St Paul when God revealed himself, and look at the impact of this conversion on St Paul and the church. Lent – pupils will consider this special time of year, thinking about the teaching of Jesus and how we can prepare ourselves for Easter. Holy Week – the events of this week will be re-told through stories and art.

ART & DT

We will be concentrating on our drawing skills initially to look at art containing birds and feathers. We will have opportunity to extend our learning to using sculpture by making clay tiles and also designing and making 'new species' of birds using papier mâché. In DT we will use examples from nature to design and make our own packaging for fragrances.