

## Spring 1

### 'Carnival of Animals'



**In Writing, GPS and Reading** we will be writing a recount, exploring play scripts and writing a persuasive letter. Writing a play script allows children to understand how to write for the stage. Your child will read, write and perform for their classmates.

In GPS we will learn how to use direct speech and the importance of intonation and tone to create effect. We will also be visiting the library, to choose some books to take back to school to help with our main drivers.

**In Maths** we will be furthering our knowledge of multiplication and division, learning our four times table and practising recalling multiplication and division facts. We will also learn how to do the grid method for multiplication of larger numbers. Following, we will move onto working with money and measurement. Giving your children a good foundation and teaching about money is critical for their personal development. Showing children, the basics such as how to budget, spend and save will establish good money habits for life.

**In Science** we will be exploring animals and humans. It is important for children to learn about animals and our relationships with them. Identifying that animals, including humans, need the right types and amounts of nutrition from what they eat. From describing the digestive system to looking at different teeth, it's going to be perfect...

**In Music** we are going to be learning to play samba. Children will compose and perform a piece of music in samba style suitable for a carnival. The children will begin to understand the elements to music such as the dynamics of a piece (gradually get louder/quieter) and perform their own samba piece which fits over a pulse.

**In PE** we will be developing our gymnastics and dance skills. We are lucky this half term to have a professional coach, Steve Tomes, who will lead the gymnastic unit. Children will learn the basics as well as improve body management and control in the development of manipulative skills. Gymnastic promotes coordination, flexibility, agility and muscular strength. We will mirror these also with our dance unit.

**In Computing** we will be focusing on blogging. Blogging or a blog for short is an online journal or informational website displaying information in the reverse order, with latest posts appearing first. If we want our children to be motivated to use their writing skills, we have to make writing purposeful. Blogging offers this.

**In RE**, we will be looking forward to revisiting our at Christianity topic with a focus on God. Children will understand why God had certain followers such as Moses and Noah and how they help Christians today.

**In PSHE** we will be looking how to keep ourselves safe. Through the internet or our local area, it is important to keep ourselves safe. This also links to our computing theme we will be focusing on. Making sure children are aware of the implications of cyber-bullying and what it does to the person on the receiving end.

**In French** we will be learning about how to talk about ourselves; asking for someone's name and giving our own name as well as participating in and learning some simple French songs.