



Shelfton Infant School



Classes 5, 6 & > Curriculum Newsletter November 2021 Autumn Term 2



Our topic is: Amazing Animals!

English - This half term the children will be learning about Guy Fawkes and writing a recount of The Gunpowder Plot. They will be also be researching different animals and learning how to write a fact sheet. They will compare the animals using exciting adjectives and use conjunctions to make their writing more interesting for the reader.

Maths - In Maths we will continue to practise number fluency to ensure that the children grasp key skills such as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and backwards). We will learn how to tell the o'clock, half past and quarter past time on an analogue clock. The children will also learn about different types of measurements and learn how to read scales to measure length, mass, height, capacity and temperature.

Art - This term we will be learning about Henri Rousseau and evaluating his work. The children will be creating a piece of artwork in the style of Rousseau, using a range of drawing techniques and different mediums such as pastels and paints.

Science - The children will be learning about different types of animal habitats and building a habitat for a particular animal. They will also learn about food chains, how to group animals and the life cycle of different animals.

PSHE - This term we will be learning about feelings and emotions. The children will be taking part in discussions and activities to recognise different feelings and how we can help manage them. We will also be learning how to promote mental wellbeing.

Design and Technology - We will be learning about different mechanisms such as wheels, levers and sliders and we will make an animal themed model using these mechanisms. We will evaluate our ideas and the end product against our design criteria.

RE - This term we will be learning about Christians and what they believe, and why Christmas is such a special celebration for Christians.

Music - We will be listening and discussing different sounds that animals make. The children will experiment with tuned and untuned instruments to create their own piece of music.

PE - We will be developing our gymnastic skills, building on our learning from Year 1 to create gymnastic sequences, adding different levels, dynamics (like speed and direction) and a range of jumps, rolls and balances. We will evaluate our own and others' performances and identify what we like and what we can improve.

Helping your child at home.

- Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week.
- Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Practise measuring at home. Can you measure the length or height of your toys? Can you make a cake and help measure out the ingredients in grams and millilitres?
- Practise your weekly spellings.

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget -