



KS1 Summer 2 Fantastic Beasts



Our topic

This half term we will be delving into our whole-school Story Festival topic, 'Fantastic Beasts'. We will be learning about some of the incredible mythical creatures featured in stories and poems and will get the chance to design our own. From dragons and unicorns to fairies and elves, it is sure to be an exciting end to our brilliant year.

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Science	This half term, we will be learning all about the human body. We will be looking at the different organs inside our bodies and what their functions are. We will also be learning about the anatomy of the eyes and ears and how we use our five senses to navigate the world around us.
History	This half term we are looking at the question 'How can stories be told in different ways?' and this is linked to our whole school story festival. We will look at the history of theatre and how we can use a variety of sources to develop our questioning skills. In addition to this we look at silent film, the history of Disney and stories through music. This is such an exciting topic where it will help us to become historians whilst building our skills of placing events in chronological order, describe significant people from the past and identify similarities / differences between ways of life at different times.
Design and Technology	In Design and Technology this half term we will be exploring a range of puppets and their purpose, identifying similarities and differences between them. We will move on to designing our very own dragon puppets linked to our Literacy text 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris. As part of this learning, we will be practising a range of sewing techniques and evaluate the materials and equipment that we have chosen to use.
Computing	In Computing, we will be looking at how we can programme an animation. We will be learning how to do this using the Teach Computing scheme of work.
RE	In RE, we will be looking at and comparing the gods that are worshipped in the religions of Christianity and Hinduism. We will be using 'Philosophy for Children' (P4C) to consider questions we might ask about God and to listen to the views of our peers.
PE	In PE, we will be building on some of the athletics skills taught this year in preparation for our KS1 Sports Day. We will be consolidating our leaping, skipping, throwing and catching, balancing and running skills through a variety of circuit training based activities.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be learning about the world of drugs. We will be looking at harmful and non-harmful substances and learning about how we can keep ourselves safe from them.
Music	In Music, we will be focusing on representing pitch using simple melodic patterns. We will be experimenting with tuned percussion instruments as well as our voices to create and perform pieces of music.

Reading

This term we will be reading 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris.

From a dragon as big as a village to a tiny dragon with whisper-thin wings, from a snaggle-toothed dragon to a sea-dragon which races dolphins on the waves, this enchanting book is FULL of dragons! Find out just exactly why their owners find them so entrancing in this must-have book for any young dragon fans!

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books weekly in line with their guided reading sessions.

Don't forget about our library service that is on offer down in the Infant building.

Times Tables Rockstars

Your child should now have their login for Times Tables Rockstars. Remember to encourage them to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rockstars on our school newsletter each week. Your child might be mentioned on there!

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis on our new home learning platform **Doodle Learning**. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

Optional Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Fantastic Beasts'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a Powerpoint, Word document or video.

Below are a few ideas for inspiration:

- Design your own mythical creature – decide on a name, power, habitat and diet.
- Write a short story about a mythical creature.
- Make a mythical creature mask using paper plates, feathers, glitter etc.
- Create a creature collage using magazine clippings, fabric and natural materials.
- Create a mythical creature fact file or poem (e.g. an acrostic poem D-R-A-G-O-N).
- Build a miniature dragon's cave or fairy garden.
- Make a unicorn horn headband.
- Do your own dragon egg experiment using baking soda and vinegar.

