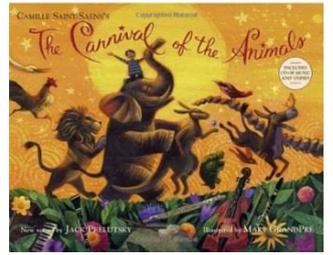




SAPPHIRE

Sapphire class have a busy and exciting summer term with planned and hopeful visits as well as those all-important SATs assessments in May.



Our class topics for the first half of the term are Seasons and weather and the second half Carnival of Animals. .

In our subjects we will be studying the following topics

Science – Studying plant anatomy and growth. We will be growing various plants to brighten up the school grounds. After half term we will move on to studying living things and their habitats. We will be hopefully hatching our own little mini beast from the age of the dinosaurs!

D & T – Designing and making weather stations then building models of the first circuses the Roman amphitheatres.

ICT – during the whole term we will look at technology beyond school including using computers to directly contact people through e-mails and indirectly using social media and more importantly how to use these systems correctly, safely and in a sociably acceptable way.

Geography – looking at weather around the world and how it affects us. Then to tie with our carnival theme we will study how some people travel all the time and have no set abode.

Music – we will look at Vivaldi's Four Seasons and how we can compose our own music to suit weather.

RE – in the second half of the term we will read the story of Androcles and the Lion and how it is important to have faith.

If possible read with your child every night, even if it is only for a few minutes, the regularity of it will help them greatly. It will also help their comprehension if you discuss what you have just read. Remember this can be any book not just a school reading book.

The children will continue to have a times table test on Wednesday and spelling set according to their phonics group.

PE is athletics and we will be starting the term indoors but hopefully as the weather improves we will move to the field outside. Our set days are Tuesday and Friday but we may have timetable changes or take advantage of extra sunny days (!!) and have PE lessons outside of these times. So please make sure your child has a full PE kit with them for the whole week (white or blue t-shirt, black or blue shorts, suitable pumps (indoor P.E.) or trainers (outdoor P.E.)).Your child does not need long trousers and hoodies as on the inclement weather days we will be inside.

For our excursion this term we are going to a local agricultural farm to see how they work and learn about the growth of plants in particular those plants we eat..

As an end of year trip we are hoping to organise a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife centre to tie in with our Carnival of Animals topic.

Thank you

All the Sapphire class team

