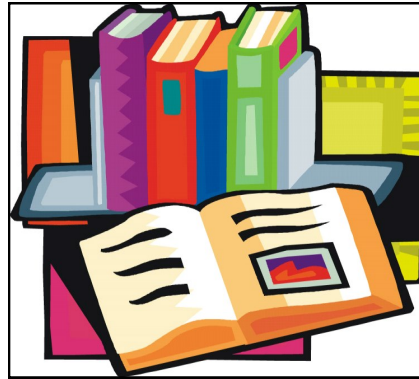
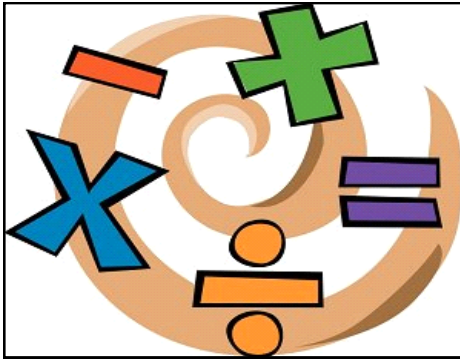
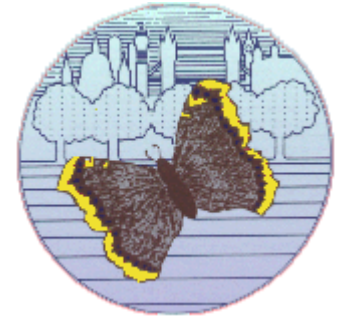


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Maths

The new term has begun with revision of place value, that is, knowing about units, tens, hundreds and thousands. We will be also looking at decimals numbers learning about tenths, hundredths and for some of us, thousandths. We will be revising the four number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, for which we have learnt new written methods to complete these calculations. We will be looking also at Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

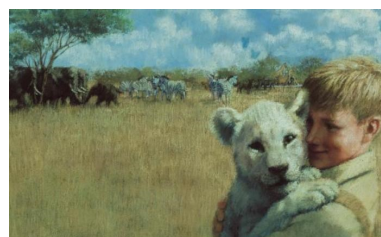
During the term we will be focusing on measures. This will involve time; learning about analogue and digital clocks as well as 12 and 24 hour time. Following this we are looking at Mass and Capacity and finish the term learning about Geometry: symmetrical patterns, shape reflection and co-ordinates.

The children will be completing mental arithmetic tasks so sound knowledge of number facts is essential for success. We cannot emphasise too strongly the need to be confident with multiplication facts - So please practise the times tables at home!

English

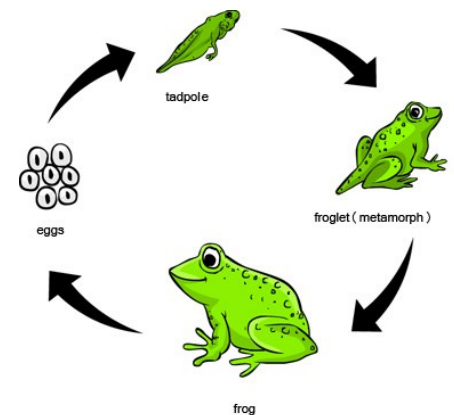
We have begun our year looking at information texts. There will be a focus on making sure that pupils develop the skills they need to write confidently, focusing on paragraphs and sentence structure.

We then will use novels by well-known authors to investigate how to use plot, characters and interesting settings when writing a story. For example we will read the book 'Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo and the children will write stories based around the theme of the book.



As we do this, we will continue to remind ourselves about writing in properly punctuated sentences. We will look at how we can make our writing more interesting by using adjectives, expanded noun phrases, adverbs and a wider vocabulary.

Our first topic of the year will be *Living things and their Habitats*. In this topic the children will be engrossed in the lifecycles of different animals. We will begin the year learning about the life cycles of animals, including: insects, amphibians, birds, large and small mammals.



After half term, the children will be learning about the **Earth, Sun and Moon**. In this unit the children learn about the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Using models they learn how the three planets move relative to each other and how these movements relate to night and day and the seasons of the year.



