APPLE CLASS

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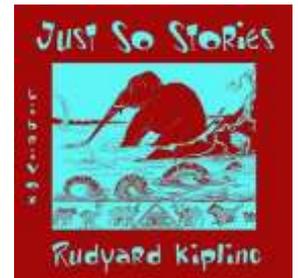
Our topic this half term is :

'PAWS, CLAWS AND WHISKERS.'

We will be learning all about animals: their groups, what they eat, their habitats, markings and how they survive.

We will start the topic talking about the pets we have and how we look after them. As we move through the topic we will learn about big cats tigers and the job of zoo keepers and vets in looking after these animals

As part of our geography we will look at the different continents and the animals found there. We will learn about conservation and animals that are in danger and why.

Literacy

In literacy the children will be developing writing skills including, comprehension and reading. We will be writing sentences focusing on using correct letter formation and including simple punctuation and finger spaces. We like to base most of our writing on key texts to create a stimulus for the children to write and to develop vocabulary so some of the texts this term will be '**The Tiger who Came to Tea,**' '**The Greedy Zebra'** and the '**Just So Stories'**. We will also be using non fiction books to find information and using this to write our own facts.

There will be daily **Phonics** lessons focusing on individual sounds, diagraphs and trigraphs. The children will learn to recognise these sounds and segment and blend them to read real and nonsense words.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing work in addition and subtraction and learning number bonds. We will also apply some of our addition and subtraction skills to challenges using money.

We will also be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and looking at patterns in number.

As well as a daily maths lesson we have a daily fluency session which recaps on areas already taught to keep the children fluent and to help with applying mathematical knowledge to different challenges.

We are a Rights Respecting School and will be focusing on our school charter this term.