



Year 2 Spring 2 Newsletter



Our topic for Spring 2 is Amazing Africa. It is a topic which has a Geography focus. Pupils will be learning about the Continents and Oceans of the World, and explore the differences and similarities between living in South Africa and the U.K. We will be learning about the animals that live there and their habitats.

English

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

We will continue to build on rules and spelling patterns as well as grammar rules. The children will develop their understanding of conjunctions and how to use them to extend sentences. We will be learning about rules for plurals, homophones and the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful and -less.

Spellings will continue to be sent home each Monday to be tested on a Friday. These may be words with a rule or exception words. The texts we will be reading include "The Leopard's Drum", "The Hunter", and "Anna Hibiscus". They will help support writing activities. We will also be reading factual texts about African animals and write our own non-chronological reports.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on:

Geometry

- Properties of 2D shapes
- Symmetry
- Properties of 3D shapes

Fractions

- Recognising and finding halves and quarters of shapes and objects.
- Recognising and finding a third and three quarters.
- Counting in fractions.

Measurement- Length and Height

- Measuring length in cm and m.
- Comparing, ordering and solving problems with lengths.

We will still be practising 2x, 5x, and 10x times tables/ division facts.



Science and Computing

This half term our topic is Living things and habitats. We will be learning about which plants and animals live in habitats, including micro habitats. Pupils will be learning about food chains and identifying which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In Computing, we will be learning how to use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.

Art and D.T

In Art, pupils will be looking at the work of African artist Martin Bulinya and use his technique to create their own pictures and paintings. They will be designing and creating African jewellery, head-dresses and drums,

Music, P.E and Forest Schools.

We will be learning about rhythm and beat. Pupils will be learning how to read simple musical notation and play these on percussion instruments. We will be listening to traditional African music.

In P.E. we will be playing Invasion Games including Polla Ball and Three Touch Ball.

Children will continue to have experience of Forest Schools with Mrs Burnside. They will be learning outdoors and need the correct kit to take part fully.

RE / PSHE

The theme for this half term is "What does Easter mean for Christians"? We will be learning about the symbols of Easter and reading the Easter story.

In PSHE we will be learning what constitutes and how to maintain a healthy life style.