



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 how temperature and weather can differ around 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. We will be revisiting using basic punctuation like capital letters, full stops and question marks.

The texts we will be reading include "Anansi and the Tiger", "The Leopard's Drum", "The Hunter", and "Anna Hibiscus". They will help support writing activities such as creating story maps and matrixes, summarising stories and eventually retelling and recycling stories. 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– sides, vertices.
- Symmetry
- Properties of 3D shapes– edges. Vertices, faces, shapes of faces.



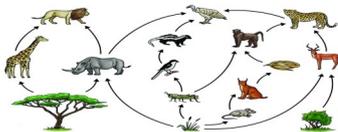
Fractions

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

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 more 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.

RE / PSHE

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



In PSHE we will be learning how we are different and how we are the same- identifying and respecting those differences and similarities . Pupils will learn to name the main parts of the body. They will be recognising and celebrating their strengths and set simple goals.

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 patterns/jewellery/ drums.



Music, P.E and Forest Schools.

We will be learning about rhythm and beat. Pupil s 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.

