

### Reading

We are reading lots of engaging books this half term. Children are in differentiated reading groups according to their book band level. The teacher hears them read the children answer comprehension questions about the book. The children also read for pleasure, answer comprehension questions and do phonics activities.

### Writing

We are reading 'Meerkat Mail' and will be writing a postcard and creating a non-fiction report about meerkats. We will then go on to read 'Greedy Zebra' and 'Sleepy Cheetah'. Both of these stories are fables about how these animals came to be the way they look. Children will be retelling these stories and then creating their own.

### Science

We will be finishing off our topic of 'Animals including Humans' and then moving onto 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Children will be exploring different animals and why they are best adapted to the habitat they live in.

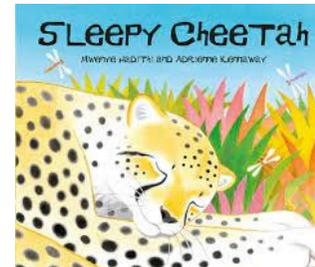
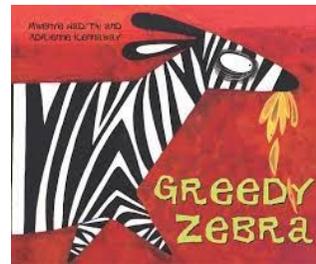
### Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Lizzie/Lucinda

Teaching Staff: Suraiya and Gwen

Support Staff: Rukia, Pam and Lydia

# African Adventure



### Mathematics

We will focus on multiplication (x2,x3,x5,x10), division, fractions, 2D and 3D shape this term. During our sessions we will be using manipulatives and recording how we solve the problem. We will be doing weekly arithmetic sessions and a weekly investigation.

### Geography

We will be learning about Kenya. We will be using atlases to locate Kenya in Africa, studying the Maasai tribe and comparing life in Kenya to life here in the UK.

### Supporting Your Child's Learning

Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis. Reading records need to be signed at least 5 times in a week. If over 90% of the class have read 5 times a week then they will receive extra play.

Please log on to your child's Mathletics, TTRS and spag.com using their login details in their reading records.

Spelling Tests take place every Thursday. It is important that the children learn their spelling words from MS Teams as this will really help with their reading and writing.

Please check the Autumn 2 Home Learning assignment on MS Teams which is the project homework for this half term.

## PE

Year 2 will have Gymnastics on **Tuesday** and Dance on **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a PE uniform on these days. Gymnastics will be in bare feet so please ensure that your child is wearing socks not tights.

In Gymnastics, we will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination.

## Dance

In dance, the children will be exploring different styles of dance from the African continent—including gumboots dancing and the Lion King with our specialist teacher Deme.

## Art

Following on from Black History Month, the children will be looking at notable and influential BAME artists. They will be creating their own artist research pages and looking at the impact that their chosen artist has had on the wider art community. They will be looking at the artist Sonia Boyce for inspiration.

## PSHE

We will be learning about healthy relationships with our friends and family and strategies to help maintain positive relationships. This will include what makes a happy family and what makes a good friend.



## RE

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism. The children will be learning about the core values of Hinduism, the place of worship and Hindu stories and artefacts.

## DT

During this half term, the children will be making and creating their own finger puppet.

## Music

Children will be doing looking at the idea of call and response as a musical motif. As well as singing call and response songs, they will also be working with a group to compose a piece of music based on the theme of animals.

## Computing

This half term, Year 2 will be exploring digital photography. They will be recognising that different devices can be used to capture photographs. Then they will gain experience in capturing, editing and improving photos of their own.