

### Reading

During our whole class reading lessons, we will continue to focus on books linked to our topic. We will be developing our comprehension skills using VIPERS: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing. Using these skills, we will then answer questions about what we have read in order to deepen our understanding and comprehension of the text.

### Writing

We are reading 'Meerkat Mail' and will be writing a postcard and creating a non-fiction report about meerkats. After our trip to the London Zoo, we shall then write a recount about what we saw. 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: Suraiya

Teaching Staff: Gwen, Shanae, Suraiya

Support Staff: Ashley, Heather, Lydia,  
Maria, Pam, Sabrina

## African Adventure



Year 2

Autumn 2 2022



### Mathematics

We will focus on multiplication (x2, x3, x5, x10), division, fractions, 2D and 3D shapes this term.

During our sessions, we will be using manipulatives and recording how we solve problems. We will be doing weekly arithmetic sessions along with a weekly mathematical investigation.

### Geography

We will be learning about continents, countries and capital cities. We will be focusing on using atlases to locate Kenya in Africa, studying the Maasai tribe and comparing life in Kenya to life here in the UK.

### PSHE

We will be learning about the importance of accepting and celebrating that everyone is different. We will be focusing on eliminating stereotypes of girls and boys, why bullying happens, how to stand up to bullies, and gender diversity.

### PE

Year 2 will have **PE** on **Monday** and **Dance** on **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing PE uniform on these days.

This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics.

### DT

We will be learning about food this term! We are going to learn about what is healthy and have a go at preparing some food, and probably eat it too!

### 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.

### Supporting Your Child's Learning

Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis: both their reading book we have sent home as well as other books. Why not have a go at completing super interactive online games? Your child has a login for SPAG.com and Mathletics to keep them busy.



### RE

In RE, we will be learning all about Christianity. We will explore the core values of the religion and will be learning all about Christmas and what this means for Christians.

### 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.

### Music

Children will be 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.

### Art

We are learning about BAME artists this term and celebrating with a whole school art exhibition just before the end of this term. Year two is learning about Yayoi Kusama through painting 2D pieces and experimenting with 3D work.