

Reading

During our whole class reading lessons, we will be focusing on books linked to our topic. We will be developing our comprehension skills using VIPERS—vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval and sequence. 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 how they adapt to the habitat that they live in.

Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Suraiya

Teaching Staff: Shanae, Suraiya and Vivian

Support Staff: Heather, Janira, Lakisha, Lia, Maria and Sarah

African Adventure



Year 2

Autumn 2 2023



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Mathematics

We will focus on multiplication (x2, x3, x5, x10), division, fractions, 2D and 3D shapes and telling the time this half 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 to improve our reasoning skills.

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 **Thursday** and **Dance** on **Friday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a PE kit on these days.

This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics.

DT

During our DT lessons, we will be learning about healthy foods. We will have a chance to prepare some food and we will be eating 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, Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics to keep them busy.



RE

In RE, we will be learning all about Christianity. We will explore the life & teachings of Jesus as well as why Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world.

Dance

In dance this term we will be using dance as part of our African Adventure. We will explore body percussion and the Gumbots dance style to perform longer dances.

Music

This half term we will continue to learn how to play the recorder. We will be developing our ability to read A & B and play with good tone and correct note lengths.

Art

We are learning about ethnically diverse Artists this term and celebrating the whole term's work with a Whole School Art Exhibition just before the winter holidays where you will be able to come and view the children's portraits and frames. Year Two are learning about Yayoi Kusama and spot painting.