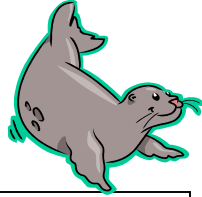




Key stage 1 Spring 2



Literacy

The children will be writing riddles about African animals. They will be listening to and writing stories involving African themes. We will be writing a postcard from an African setting.

Science

We will learn about four of the main habitats in Africa and some of the animals which are suited to each habitat. We will learn about food chains and the children will explore and identify whether the animals are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

Numeracy

We will be using our place value skills and using our number facts to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will be learning to interpret simple graphs and tables. We will also be solving problems involving money.

Rational:

We are going to have an African day when the children come back. We are going to learn all about African cultures, animals and geography. At the end of the topic we will present an African dance.

How can you help?

Can you go to the library and find books about Africa? Can they find Africa on a map? How many countries are there in Africa?

History / Geography

We are going to learn about the a African continent. We will compare a place in Africa to Eling. How are they similar and different?

This term our topic is: Africa

Music

The children will continue to receive music lessons using tuned percussion instruments.

NEW Reminders

Each class will have the opportunity to use the school library **once a week**. The children will be able to choose a book to read for pleasure at home, to go alongside their coloured reading book which is matched to their reading level. Please remind your child to change their library book on their allocated day;

Monday – Dolphins, Tuesday – Seahorses, Wednesday – Seals

We are lucky enough to be having taught dance lessons on a Wednesday and our Chelsea coaches on a **Friday** for PE. The children can wear their PE kits into school on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

RHE

This half term we will be thinking about our rights and responsibilities. We will also be celebrating helping others.

ICT

The children will be learning to code on Purple Mash. They will also experiment with paint packages.

Art

We will be learning printing techniques around a theme of Africa inspired by artist John Muafangejo. We will experiment with different effects and textures to make patterns and we will create our own animal printing block.

NEW

PE

The children will have opportunities to develop key skills such as agility, balance and co-ordination. We will continue to have our Chelsea coach in delivering P.E on a Friday. We will also be learning an African dance.

Design Technology

We will be designing, making and evaluating Easter Cards incorporating movement. We will be learning to work safely with a range of tools and techniques to shape and join materials.

RE

We have lots of activities planned to help the children understand how and why people celebrate Easter. We have a puppet show, visits from local churches and our Easter celebration at St Mary's church.



Homework

Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes each night and to write a comment in their reading diaries. You now have access to **BUG CLUB** where there are lots of books to read!

Remember – Hold a sentence homework will go out on a **Friday** and is due back the following **Friday**. You will receive an email every Friday with all the homework, including Purple Mash activities so give these a try! The email will also say what we are learning in class the following week.