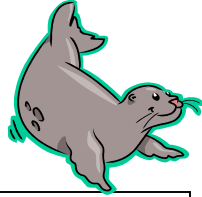




Key Stage 1 Spring 1



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 the structures of plants and their habitats. We will be thinking about whether something is alive, is dead or has never been alive.

Maths

In maths we will be practising our number bonds and solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also learn about telling the time and mass or weight.

History / Geography

We are going to learn about the 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 receive music lessons using tuned percussion instruments.

ICT

The children will be learning to code on Purple Mash. They will also experiment with paint packages. There will be an e-safety day thinking about how to be safe online.

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.

RHE

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

PE

The children will have opportunities to develop key skills such as agility, balance and co-ordination. We will receive lessons around tennis and will have lessons around African dance.

Design Technology

We will be designing, planning, making and evaluating puppets linked to the pantomime performed in school.

RE

We will be thinking about change. This will also involve thinking about the people Jesus met.

Rational:

We are going to have an African day when the children come back on the 2/1/24. This will involve doing art and drumming with Kwame, who is from Ghana. We have asked for a £2 donation to go towards the cost of the day.

Round up?

You are invited to be part of our ridiculous riddles. Come in and hear some animal riddles. Can you guess the animals? Date to be confirmed later.

NEW Reminders

Each class will have the opportunity to use the school library **three times 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 a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. QR codes will also go home on a Friday. Please watch the 3 videos on the QR codes sent home to help consolidate their phonic learning.

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

Homework

Please encourage your child to read their phonics book for a few minutes each night and to write a comment in their reading diaries. Some children are already pass 50 and 75 reads.

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.