

Amazing Africa

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Computing

In computing, we will learn to create a recipe, understand what algorithms are, find out how they are implemented as programs on digital devices and we will learn that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions.

R.E

In RE we will learn that creation stories are told in order to explain the mystery of the natural world. We will find out what different religions say about the creation of the world, and how we should look after it. We will also have the opportunity to ask our own questions, shape our own learning and express our own beliefs.

Music

using various beats. We will learn to clap the beat and rhythm to a set piece of music. We will be experiencing and looking at traditional African music.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be given the opportunity to discuss our relationships with others, our feelings and our emotions. In the second half term we will focus on the changes in our lives including the transition from Year one to Year two.

English

In English, We will be using non-fiction and fiction texts based on Africa We will continue to ensure that we begin our sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop. We will learn that we can change words from a singular to a plural by adding **s or es**. We will also learn that we can change the meaning of a word by adding the prefix un, e.g., kind will become unkind. We will continue to ensure that we form letters carefully and correctly.

Science

Our Science work will be about different animals including those that live in Africa. The children will learn to name and describe a variety of animals, they will learn that they can group them according to their features and they will be able compare and contrast animals suitable and not suitable to be kept as a pet.



Art

Our Art this term will focus on Tinga Tinga Art. The children will be able to explore the use of colour and shape to create patterns and they will be able to use different bold coloured paints to make a TingaTinga style painting. We will explore and have a go at a range of techniques including tie-dye.

P.E

In PE, We will learn to Identify and use simple gymnastics actions, shapes. We will begin to apply basic strength to a range of gymnastics actions, and we will learn to carry basic apparatus such as mats and benches. We will also learn to recognise and link a range of actions.

Maths

In Maths, the children will be working very practically. We will continue to work on place value: counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number, partitioning 2 digit numbers and using the 4 operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide.) We will also learn the value of money: coins, notes, and we will solve practical problems involving different forms of measurement.

Geography

Our work in Geography will be about Africa. The children will learn about the different countries that make up Africa and the different animals that live there. We will focus in particular on Kenya and we will look where it is located on the world map. We will be able to compare it to the U.K.-a contrasting country. The children will learn that each environment is different and changing.



- Year 1 pupils are encouraged to have their own water bottle (no squash or fruit juice please) in class which can be refilled at lunchtime.
- Remember to label your child's uniform and P.E. kit.
- Please ensure that your child's long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on PE days: Rabbits-Monday and Wednesday
Bumblebees-Monday and Wednesday

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23rd April African Drumming
4th May Bumblebees Assembly
15th June Father's Day Shop
15th June KS1 Sports Day
18th June Healthy Schools Week
21st June Sponsored bounce
13th July Summer concert and Scottfest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Please continue to read with your child every day and ensure they always have their reading book in school. Ask them questions to check for their understanding.
- When out and about, look out for numbers and shapes (2D and 3D) in the environment.
- Play games which involve your child reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100 in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Sing songs which involve recognising and using language related to dates, including days of the week, months and years.
- Practise reading and writing numbers up to 100 and play games which involve problem solving.

HOW YOU CAN HELP