



# Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term



Welcome back to the final term of the year! We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bray last term and wish her the very best for the future. However we are excited to welcome Ms Swain, who will be teaching in Pumpkin Class alongside Mrs Etherton. As we launch into our final term in Years 1 and 2, we will be working hard to 'show off' our learning, working more independently. Our topic in the first half term is African Adventures, learning about life in the village of Mugurameno in Uganda. Followed by our topic of Creation Carers, focussing particularly on the work of Jane Goodall (primatologist and conservationist). We look forward to seeing the children continuing to make secure progress in their learning. This will be a fulfilling term for all, we hope! This newsletter outlines some of the main areas of learning.

## Maths

Children will be given a FIRM target to work on for the half term to develop their accurate and speedy recall of the most useful mathematical facts. In class, we will be focusing on these areas of maths:

Multiplication and Division, showing our workings out i.e. Drawing pictures or using a number line.

Shape, Space and Measure i.e. Measuring capacity, weight, length and time.

## Adventures in Africa



Children will recognise and appreciate the diversity within Africa, by learning about and from the lives of real people there, exploring the features of places where they live and how this affects their lifestyles.

If you are a family with links to Africa we would love

to hear from you to see how your experiences can

enrich our learning! Children will participate in an African drumming workshop and will perform to you at the end of the day. In art, we will be using textiles to investigate patterns, so any off cuts of African fabric would be much appreciated! If your family enjoys African heritage and you would like to share your experiences and skills with the children, do speak to us!

### Home learning

#### How you can help at home?

⇒ Hear your child read at least 4 times a week

⇒ Practise spellings which come home weekly and are assessed weekly.

⇒ Practise the **FIRM target for maths**. These will be assessed half termly.

*In addition: Show me home learning which will continue to come home each week.*

### Special days

**May:** Showing Off learning for Y2 children to begin.

**Monday 6th May:** Spring Bank Holiday

**Thursday 23rd May:** Break up for Half Term

**Friday 24th May:** INSET Day

**Monday 3rd June:** Children return to school

**Monday 10th June:** Year 1 Phonics Checks begin

**Tuesday 9th July:** Foundation and KS1 Sports Day (am)

**Friday 19th July:** End of Term!

## English

To start the term we will be focussing on the text 'Forest Singer' linked to our work on Africa. We will be reading and writing a range of text types such as book reviews, fact file comparisons, character descriptions and story writing. The second half term we will focus on the biographies, based on Jane Goodall as well as poetry linked to mini beasts.

Please continue to read with your child at least four times a week.

Support your child to practise their weekly spellings, practise reading and Spelling Common Exception Words.

## Creation carers

After half term, we will explore Christian beliefs about the natural world and how we respond with care and action. We will be historians and learn about the work of conservationist Jane Goodall. As part of our learning we will become wildlife detectives. In RE we will be learning about the Creation story and how God created the world.



## Parental Involvement

We continue to build our class communities through restorative circles in the morning and in the afternoon. If you are available and interested in supporting us during school time, sharing your skills or lending a hand, then do get in touch.

