

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half-term our focus texts for literacy will be 'Meerkat Mail' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. Both texts link with our theme 'Africa' which runs across the subjects taught this half term.

Children will be using these texts to write setting descriptions as well as looking at formal and informal letters and postcards. These books will also further support the children writing fact files about Africa.



Summer 2



Last day of term:

Friday 19th July

Mathematics

This half-term we will be consolidating all of our mathematical learning so far. We will be making sure the children are secure with their understanding of numbers to 100 including addition and subtraction within 100.

We will also be spending time consolidating multiplication and division methods through problem solving and introducing counting in 4s.

Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning about number representation within 1000 in preparation for transitioning into Year 3.

Dates for your diary . . .

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| Phonics Screening Week | 10 th June |
| Year 3 Teachers to Visit | 13 th June |
| Class Photos | 17 th June |
| Transition Days to Spa Academy | 9 th and 11 th July |
| Sports Day | 15 th July |
| Leavers' Party (4pm – 5:30pm) | 15 th July |
| Leavers' Assembly | 17 th July |

History

In our History lessons, we will learn about several famous people that have made a significant impact on the world. These include, We will focus on finding key information about these important individuals and why they are famous. We will create Fact Files demonstrating our understanding and begin to make links between different famous people.

Jigsaw (PSHE)

This half-term our Jigsaw topic is 'Changing Me'. The children will be learning that everyone is unique and special, and that people express how they feel in different ways. They will be learning to understand and respect change and know who to ask for help if they are worried about change.

The children will be encouraged to talk about how they feel about moving into Year 3. They will share what they are looking forward to doing and any worries they might have.

At the end of the unit, we will celebrate all of our learning this year.



Art

This half term the topic is named 'Music and Art'. Children will be creating art in response to music. They will be drawing to a slow rhythm as well as listening to orchestras and creating art and project mapping. Children will be introduced to a range of artists, such as; Tomoko Kawao and Kandinsky.



Geography

Children will revisit their learning from last half-term, they will name and locate on a map the 7 continents and 5 oceans. They will research if all countries have seasons like we do here in the UK and then focus specifically on Kenya, Africa. Children will identify human and physical features in Kenya as well as compare their lives to children who live in Kenya.

Nairobi - Capital of Kenya



London - Capital of the UK



Music

Our theme this half term is called 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'. In our music lessons we will revisit some of the songs we have learnt throughout the year as well as introduce some new songs ready for our Leavers' Assembly. We will also continue to build on our instrumental skills by learning a new piece on the glockenspiels.

Computing

To link with our topic Africa and Art children will be creating their own digital music using a software program. They will learn how to connect images with sounds, experiment with pitch, create a rhythm to represent African animals and describe how their music makes them feel!



Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have. Remember to listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this each time in their yellow reading record.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water,



As the weather begins to warm up please provide your child with a sun hat and apply sunscreen before school.



PE Kits must be brought to school every Monday and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and suitable shoes for outdoor sport.



Don't forget to share any of your child's home learning or amazing achievements on our Seesaw platform- we love getting updates.

