

English - Throughout our learning experience the children will be introduced to the story of Lila and the Secret of the Rain, by David Conway. The children will carefully consider Lila's emotions throughout the story and how the author used repeated verbs to build a sense of anticipation. We will be focused on our sentence construction and the use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks to recap Year Two's previous learning, whilst introducing these concepts to Year One. The children will also consider the use of pronouns in their writing to make it clearer and more concise. In EYFS, children will be beginning to identify sounds and the letters they are represented by, before having a go at writing these letters themselves. Children will have lots of opportunities for mark making in our provision and guided time. Later on in the term, we will explore the true story of Wangari Maathai and the impact she had on her community in Kenya. We will look at how the author has used personification in the story, and create our own diaries based on the people whose lives she transformed.

Science - In Science we will be soaking in the Savannah to understand the habitat and the animals that live there. We will look carefully at the different features of the Savannah habitat including the weather, plants, animals etc which will help us understand how animals and plants have adapted to their surroundings. We will learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in the Savannah and think about how the habitat supports the five basic needs of life.

Maths - During this half term, EYFS will begin by comparing and sorting objects. We will think about colour, size, shape and the texture of objects to support language development and descriptions. Afterwards, we will progress on to looking at patterns that involve shapes and sizes. Children in Year One will explore place value within numbers to 10 and recognise numbers as written words. We will begin to use the language of greater than and less than to discuss numbers and understand their value. Year Two will be embedding many of the skills learnt during Year One including recognising numbers to 100 and partitioning them into 10's and 1's. As the half term progresses, we will move onto addition and subtraction, ensuring that we are able to rapidly recall number facts to 10 and 20 as well as applying our knowledge to other calculations.

R.E - In R.E we will be learning about the Christian creation story. We will begin to understand that some Christians believe different things about creation. Together we will begin to compare texts found within the creation story and start to think about how Christians might try to be stewards of the world. Children will also consider how Christians may act in response to creation and why they may choose to praise God for it.





Adventure in Kenya!



Peace:

We will be learning about the Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai. She helped mobilise local communities to conserve and regenerate their local landscape and her passion and dedication led to positive changes, transforming the lives of the people and the environment around her in Kenya.

Kindness and Respect:

This half term will see us celebrate Harvest in our school community. We will be thinking about other people in the world and the ways in which we might be able to help them, such as our food donations.

Rationale: This learning experience will allow the children to explore the lives of people on an alternative continent, understanding similarities and differences between the cultures. We will learn about the great explorer Ibn Battuta as he travelled through Africa, as well as investigating the habitats and adaptations of those animals living in the Savannah. The children will have the opportunity to learn about different communities such as the Maasai, and pay particular attention to the artwork the community creates to tell stories, before re-creating our own.

Start Date: Wednesday 4th September 2024

End Date: Friday 25th October 2024

Hook:

On Friday 13th September, we will take part in an African drumming and dancing session hosted by Marion, who has studied drumming and dancing all over Africa. We will also cook and taste some Kenyan delicacies and create our own Kenyan necklaces.

Outcome:

On Wednesday 23rd October we will be hosting an Africa afternoon, where your children will share with you their learning from this half term.

Come along and celebrate our learning with us!

Diary Date: 23rd October 2.50pm.

Music:

In music the children will practise their skills of listening, keeping a steady beat, and developing a sense of pitch by echo singing. Our focus will be on a fun, cumulative song with off-beat rhythms. Children will play a range of instruments on the beat to enhance their rhythm skills. This will lead up to the creation of a theatrical group performance using themed props.

Take home task:

Choose an animal that lives in the Kenyan Savannah and create your own fact file about them. Make sure you share what their habitat is like, what food they eat as well as including a labelled picture showing their body parts and other features e.g. camouflage.

Bring to school by Monday 21st October

How you can support your child at home:

- Reading five times a week
- Talk about what they are learning about at school
- Helping them to learn to read and spell their Common Exception Words.
- Working together to complete their weekly Home Learning.