

Years 2 Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2026- TOPIC - Amazing Africa

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to our final term of the school year.

Throughout this term the children in Year 2 will be learning about the following:

Maths

This term in maths, we are looking forward to exploring a range of exciting units of work! We will be learning all about fractions, with a focus on halves, quarters and thirds, as well as finding equivalent fractions. We will also be developing our understanding of time, looking at o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past, before moving on to 5-minute intervals.

In statistics, the children will be investigating different ways of presenting information, including tally charts, pictograms, block diagrams and tables. We will also be learning about position and direction, exploring position, movement and turns in fun and practical ways.

Alongside this, the children will regularly revisit and practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help build their confidence, fluency and recall.



English

In English, we will begin with some exciting non-fiction units, including Big Cats and Plants, which will help the children develop their



understanding of factual texts in an engaging and interesting way.

We will also explore narrative writing through the story *The Crow's Tale*, and enjoy opportunities for creative expression with the poem *The Colour Collector*.

Alongside these units, the children will take part in regular sessions in phonics, spelling, grammar and handwriting to help strengthen and support their key literacy skills. Drama activities will also play an important part in bringing learning to life and making our English lessons even more memorable.

The children will also complete regular comprehension activities and will be encouraged to write with increasing independence – an especially important focus in Year 2.

Science

In science, our units of work for the term are Plants, Growing Up and Wildlife. In the Plants unit, the children will learn about how plants grow and what they need to stay healthy. In Growing Up, they will explore how animals, including humans, change as they grow and develop. Our Wildlife unit will give the children the chance to learn more about the natural world around them and the different

ICT

In computing, our lessons will be full of creativity and excitement! The children will be learning how to create digital pictures, make their own music and present ideas using technology in fun and engaging ways. These activities will help the children build confidence in using technology, while also encouraging their creativity, imagination and communication skills.

Geography

In our Sensational Safari topic, we will be comparing life in parts of the UK with regions of Kenya, helping the children to understand similarities and differences in environments and cultures.

This will give the children a valuable opportunity to learn more about the wider world and develop their understanding of

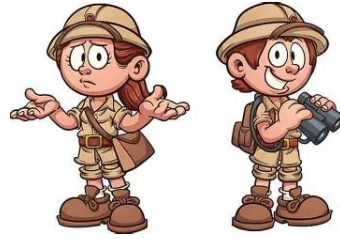
History

In our history lessons, we will be learning about Nelson Mandela who he was, what he achieved and why he is remembered as such an important figure in both African and world history. The children will explore his life and legacy and begin to understand how his actions helped to bring about change and made a lasting impact on the lives of many people..

habitats where living things can be found. We will be encouraging the children to ask questions, make observations and develop their curiosity as they investigate each topic in fun and engaging ways.



different places and ways of life.



PE
Our PE day is Friday, please ensure earrings are removed for PE lessons.



RE
In RE this term, we will be exploring two interesting units of work. The first is 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?', which will continue to develop the children's understanding of Islam and the beliefs and everyday lives of Muslim people. We will also be looking at 'What makes some places special to believers?', where the children will learn about why certain places are important to people of faith and why they are treated with special care and respect.

Music
This term's music unit is 'the friendship song'

We will also be exploring rhythms and instruments in traditional African music.



Art/DT
We will be studying traditional African patterns and animal-inspired art, including the work of artist Wilhelm Kuhnert. Children will also have the chance to design and create their own animal masks.

PSHE Themes
- Health and Wellbeing - What can help us grow and stay healthy?
- Being healthy: eating, drinking, playing and sleeping
- Health and Wellbeing - How do we recognise our feelings?
- Feelings; mood; times of change; loss and bereavement; growing up

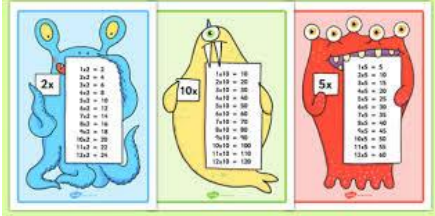
Topic Enrichment Experience:

On **19th June**, we will be visiting Call of the Wild Zoo for an exciting workshop all about predators and prey.
Children will explore how animals are adapted to survive, including how their teeth, eyes, ears, and feet help them hunt or stay safe. The session will also include a close look at diets and features of different animals—and there will even be some live animals to observe!

Homework:

A creative homework menu will be shared at the start of term, with children expected to complete one activity every two weeks.

Children should also continue practising their times tables—focusing on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables—as part of their ongoing times tables challenge.

**General Notices:**

Pupils may come into school from 8.35am.

Should you need to talk to the class teacher please either; write a note in the home/school contact book, leave a message via the office or catch the teacher at the end of the school day.

Please wait until the teacher has ensured all children are with their parents before coming to speak to them as this helps to ensure the children's safety.

Please encourage your child to:

- Arrive at school ready to learn and on time, with the school day starting promptly at 8.45am.
- Wear the correct school uniform each day.
- Read daily at home with an adult and have their reading record signed regularly.
- Complete weekly homework and continue practising their times tables.
- Wear the correct PE kit on designated PE days.

Hinguar Stars - READ, READ, READ!

We cannot express enough the importance of reading with your child at this young age. The positive effects are amazing. It increases their vocabulary, confidence and writing.

As an incentive, your child is awarded a weekly stamp in their home-school diaries every Friday; to receive this the adult at home must hear the child read 5 times per week, and log each time they have read in the reading diary. At the end of the term, if your child has achieved 10 stamps or more, they will receive a badge.

**Reading Champion Award**

Please note your child can also achieve a Reading Champion Award/Badge if they read 15 books of their own choosing. This record sheet can be found at the front of your child's reading diary, (page 29). They will also need to complete a book review of **one** of these 15 books.