



Year 2 Newsletter



Date: Lent 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We have put together some information that you may find useful as you support your child this half term.

| What is daily life like in Kenya? | Key vocabulary |
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| <p>English:</p> <p>1. Stories from another culture - characters, feelings and settings.</p> <p>2. Non-Chronological Reports - African Animals - Focus on Elephants.</p> <p>Texts will include: non-fiction books about African animals and the animated short story-Zahra.</p> | <p>Exciting adjectives</p> <p>Similies</p> <p>Extended Sentences</p> <p>Titles</p> <p>Sub-headings</p> |
| <p>Maths:</p> <p>Measurement – Money (recognise, count, compare, find the total/difference, find change).</p> <p>Number - Multiplication and Division (make/add equal groups; make/use arrays; multiplication sentences; 2, 5 and 10 times-table; dividing by 2, 5 and 10; and odd and even numbers).</p> | <p>Arrays</p> <p>Equal</p> <p>Equal groups</p> <p>Lots of</p> <p>Commutative</p> |
| <p>RE:</p> <p>Books - The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Learning about the Bible and the Gospels.</p> |  |
| <p>Geography:</p> <p>Where in the world is Nairobi?</p> <p>To locate the 7 continents: Asia; Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Oceania.</p> <p>To locate the 5 main oceans of the world: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic.</p> <p>To know that Kenya is a county in Eastern Africa.</p> <p>To know that Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya, it is located in the highlands and is the largest and fastest growing city in Kenya.</p> <p>Nairobi National Park is the main tourist attraction in Nairobi.</p> | <p>Ocean</p> <p>Continent</p> <p>Valley</p> <p>Mountain</p> <p>Savannah</p>  |
| <p>Science:</p> <p>Animals and Humans - Life Cycles</p> <p>To know that animals, including humans, have offspring that will grow into adults.</p> <p>To learn that the lifecycle of a frog has four stages - egg, tadpole, froglet and frog.</p> <p>To learn that the lifecycle of a chicken has four stages - egg, hatchling, chick and chicken.</p> <p>To learn that the lifecycle of a butterfly has four stages - egg, caterpillar, pupa and butterfly.</p> |  |
| <p>Art:</p> <p>African Art – Edward Tingatinga</p> <p>Edward Tingatinga (1932-1972) was an African (Tanzanian) artist.</p> <p>Tingatinga art uses recycled, low cost materials e.g. ceramic fragments, bicycle paint and Masonite squares (like MDF).</p> <p>Know that tertiary colours are made by mixing a primary and a secondary colour.</p> |  |

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| <p>Computing: Programming - Robot Algorithms To use an algorithm to program a Bee-Bot. To predict the outcome of a program. To design an algorithm. To create and debug a program I have written.</p> |  | <p>Instructions Program Sequence Algorithm Debug</p> |
| <p>PSHE: RSE- Parts of the Body The children will learn the correct terms for the male and female parts of the body. They will learn which body parts should be kept private. Sinister or Safe? To know that medicines can help people to stay healthy. To know that household products can be harmful if not used correctly. To know about things that people can put into their body or on their skin; how these can affect how people feel.</p> | <p>Private Male Female Safe Harmful Helpful Medicines</p> | |
| <p>Music: Composing Compose, using known rhythmic notation and notes known on instrument.</p> | <p>Rhythm Notation Notes</p>  | |

P.E. Fitness and Team Building

P.E. will take place on a Tuesday and Friday.

Children need to have in school:

P.E. kit: navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, school jumper, trainers or plimsolls.

Please note:

No jewellery.

As PE may take place outside, please ensure your child has tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt/jumper.



Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 17 th January | Mass at Church |
| Tuesday 6 th February | Parents' Meeting 1:30pm – 4pm |
| Thursday 7 th February | Parents' Meeting 2pm – 5:30pm |