

## Year 2 Summer 1 Newsletter

### Must bring to school:

- Reading folder.
- School bag.
- Water bottle.
- Sun cream/ cap (if sunny)

### Important dates

- Thursday 2nd May  
Polling Day—School Closed
- Monday 6th May—Bank  
Holiday—School Closed
- We are going on a trip to London  
zoo. More information of follow!

### Homework

- Reading (please read every  
night with your child and write  
in their Reading Log every day.)
- Times table Rock stars and  
Numbots
- Weekly Spellings.

### Parent visits

If you would like to come in and  
read a story or share with the class  
where your family are from please  
speak to Elena or Courtney  
We really enjoy having visitors!

At the end of this term we  
are doing some SATS tests  
( We call them Secret Agent  
Training). These are a  
chance for the children to  
show us all of their amazing  
learning- nothing to worry  
about!

Children need to be in  
school at 8:30am – 8:45am  
each morning.

We do morning activities,  
1:1 reading and then we do  
the register.

### Personal, Social, Character Development

The traits that we will be focusing on this term are Self Regulation, Positive Relationships, Understanding Others, Social Responsibility, Kindness and Teamwork. We will also be using and learning about our BLP muscles.

### History, Geography & Social Understanding

Geography: Our main focus this term in topic will be geography. We will learn how Africa is a continent made up of lots of different and amazing countries. Each week we will learn about a different African country including Morocco, Kenya, Ghana and Somalia. We will learn about human and physical features of these countries as well as their different cultures religions and traditions.

RE: In RE we will learn about Eid which many of our families celebrate. We will also explore Christian and Muslim countries in Africa as we learn about religions around the world.

### Science

This term in Science we will be focussing on animals. We will learn about the different animal groups and the features animals in these groups have. We will also learn about animal food chains and herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

### Understanding the Arts

In Art we will be learning the skill of printing as we design our own prints. We will be inspired by the amazing patterns found in African art.

### Understanding Physical Health

PE this term will be focusing on Multiskills and Target games. PE is on Tuesday and Thursday.



## Amazing Africa

### Technological Understanding

In computing this term we will be learning about programming and algorithms

We will be focusing on research skills as we use search engines to research endangered African animals.

### Literacy

Writing: For this term, we will be looking at a range of writing genres including stories, diary entries and poems. For our Assessed Write we will write a non chronological report about an endangered African animal.

Reading: We will be reading in groups and answering questions based on a text we have read. We will be reading stories from across Africa including Lila and the Secret of Rain, Anansi and The Hunter.

Spelling and Grammar we will be focussing on punctuation and learning phase 6 sounds.

Handwriting: Children are learning how to use *joined up handwriting*. Please practise this at home.

### Mathematical Understanding

Measures: This term we will be learning about temperature and 2D shape patterns. We will explore how Africa lies on the equator and what weather different countries have in Africa.

Number and Calculation: In number we will recap all we have learnt so far in preparation for SATS this term. We will practise fluency in adding, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as using these operations in multi step problems. Please continue to practise times tables and number bonds at home.

At home: Please continue to support children by accessing their Numbots and TT Rockstars at home and practising the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables at home.