

**Spring Term 2015**

**Class 2**

**Miss Walker**

### Literacy:

In fiction work, we will be looking at the features of traditional stories and writing our own, as well as comparing them to traditional African folk tales and retelling them in their own words,

The children will also be writing explanation texts as part of their Non-Fiction work; using the theme of Countries of Africa as inspiration.

In poetry the children will be having fun using sounds and nonsense words to create silly expressive poems.

### Topic:

Our class topic this term is Africa.

We will be learning about the continents and how to find Africa on a map, the types of eco-systems that exist there and the names of the African animals that dwell on the Savannah. We will be looking at the crafts which are sold in Kenyan markets and interpreting paintings, jewellery and fabrics to make our own. The children of class 2, will also be learning about the traditions of the native Maasai people, and the role they have in protecting the wildlife of Africa.

### Maths:

This term in Numeracy, we will be building on the knowledge and skills which we acquired last term. We will be working on solving more difficult number and word problems, involving the four operations- +, -, x and ÷. The children will be investigating measuring, with a focus on weighing this term, using hands on cooking activities. We will continue to develop our mental maths skills and confidence in the 2, 5 and 10x tables with daily Quick Maths and chanting. Using our knowledge of the multiplication tables, we will also begin to learn about fractions- including  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### I.C.T.:

In I.C.T we will be locating African landmarks using GoogleEarth, creating African artwork, programming BeeBot robots around a maze, designing and creating animal databases and typing up African stories.

### DT and Art:

This term, in DT we will be designing and making African djembe drums which we will use in our Music lessons. We will also be creating a traditional Mancala game to play.

In art, we will be studying the patterns and shapes used in traditional Kenyan fabrics, art and jewellery to create our own vibrant paintings and necklaces, whilst also trying to paint hieroglyphics like the ancient Egyptians.

### Science:

In science this term we are going to be learning all about Everyday Materials. We will be investigating why materials are used for a particular purpose, based on their properties, as well as naming the materials that objects are made of. We will be exploring how forces can affect the shape of solids- by stretching, twisting or pulling, and the different ways to recycle.

### PE:

This term we will be creating African dances in small groups- taking inspiration from the jumping Masai warriors and rhythmic Kenyan dancers, as well as learning how to 'walk like an Egyptian!' Later on in the spring term, the children will be exploring how to travel on, climb through or up apparatus safely in our Gym lessons.

### RE:

In RE, we will be focusing on the significance of the stories of Moses and Abraham, as well as the story of Passover, and the influence they have on Jewish people. We will also be learning about the importance of Jewish traditions and celebrations; including Bar Mitzvah celebrations and Seder meals.

In the second half of the Spring term, we will be learning about the teachings of Jesus and the Easter Story.

### Music:

In Music, we will be composing our own African tribal songs and rhythms, using folk songs as inspiration. We will also be enjoying singing traditional African songs, rhymes and chants. As a special treat, we will also be learning how to play our djembe drums