

## Year 2 Parent Planner - Spring 2023 - Africa

### Possibilities

Which helps our children to build aspirations and become open-minded, inquisitive learners.

As open minded learners we will explore and develop resilience.

### Spirituality

Which helps our children develop an appreciation and respect of the intangible. (Truth, love, goodness, compassion.)

In our Spiritual and Moral development we will gain an understanding of empathy.

### Community

Which helps our children to build an active understanding of their world

As active members of the community we will... Investigate remembrance and the significance of our collective actions.



## AREAS OF LEARNING



### As Readers we will...

Read a range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction.

As a class we will read *Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies* by Pamela Butchart.

We will look at a range of non-fiction books based on our topic of Africa. Within literacy, we will study *Handa's Surprise*.

### As Writers we will...

Write our own fiction stories based on *Handa's Surprise*, focussing on the use of expanded noun phrases.

Create non-chronological reports about African animals.

Write a set of instructions, linked to our science topic.

### As Mathematicians we will...

Introduce multiplication, using our existing knowledge of addition.

Focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Learn about doubling and halving.

Begin to learn about fractions.

### As Scientists we will...

Identify whether something is alive, dead or never alive.

Learn about habitats and food chains.

Study the life cycle of a plant and the conditions needed for survival.

### Home Learning

Please **read** with your child **daily** if possible, this is the best way to support their fluency of reading. Any home reading should be recorded in their blue reading record as children will be rewarded for their reading efforts at home.

Practising your child's Maths Passports will support their understanding of the key concepts we are covering at school. The aim is to complete **all** of the **2. passports** within Year 2. Once you feel your child is confident please sign the passport and we will test them in school.

The **White Rose 1 Minute Maths App** can be downloaded for free onto phones and tablets. This app will support your child's fluency within maths and is in-line with how maths is taught within school.

Your child will bring home a list of words, these are words they are expected to be able to spell by the **end** of Year 2. Please practise these words with your child as they are words which do not follow a regular spelling pattern.

Children will also have access to Mathletics, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed.

### As Geographers we will...

Recap the continents and oceans on a map.

Use atlases and Google maps to locate the continent of Africa.

Compare the weather patterns in Africa with the UK.

Study the life achievements of Nelson Mandela.

### As Artists we will...

Studying African patterns and using different mediums to create our artwork.

Looking at the details in the skins of African animals

### As Designers and Makers we will..

Making African masks.

### As sportspeople we will ...

Study different techniques within dance, with a focus on African dance.

### As Computer Scientists we will ....

Learn about coding and programming by using Scratch Junior.

Create PowerPoint presentations.

### Class Information

Children need a water bottle, coat and their reading record in school every day.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day with weather appropriate clothes for indoor and outdoor PE. Our PE day is on a Monday.

The key questions we will investigate in **Religious Education** are 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' and studying the religion of Islam, focussing on prayer.