

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.

As Readers we will...

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

Share books based on our topic; Handa's Surprise, Meekat Mail, Lila and the Secret of Rain.

We will also read The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me as our class book.



As Writers we will...

Read traditional tales from other cultures and write our own version of Handa's Surprise. Design and write non-fiction information texts about animals living in The African Savannah.

As Artists we will...

Create artwork based around the habitats and animals in The African Savannah.

As Designers and Makers we will...

Look at the masks worn by the Maasai tribe and make our own masks.

As Geographers we will...

Use globes, atlases and Google maps to locate the continent of Africa and the country of Kenya.

Make comparisons between Laverstock and a farming village in Kenya.

Study the climate of a country near the equator and the weather and challenges they experience.

AREAS OF LEARNING

As Mathematicians we will...

Understand place value.

Learn a variety of methods for adding and subtracting, including written methods.

As Musicians we will....

Listen to African tribal music.

Recreate African music using percussion.

As sportspeople we will ...

Watch and recreate some traditional African dances.

Advance our existing gymnastics skills by extending our shapes through flight.

As Scientists we will...

Learn about how animals live in different habitats including animals living in the African Savannah. We will also look at food chains within different habitats.

As Computer Scientists we will

Learn about internet safety and become familiar with the features on the laptops and iPads.



Homework

Please read with your child **daily** if possible, this is the best way to support their fluency of reading.

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.

Each week your child will be given spellings to practise. They have logins to Mathematics, Maths Shed and Spelling Shed, all of these will support your child's learning. They will earn points and certificates for the time they spend on each site.

They will also be given a grid with activities linked to our topics. This will be a lovely way to allow your child to share their school topics with you. These tasks are **optional** but any tasks completed will be celebrated in school on a Monday.

All home learning can be recorded in their homework books.

The key questions we will investigate in RE are, 'Who made the world?' and 'What do Christians believe God is like?'