

Literacy

The children will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction work, where possible, linked to Africa and our topic. They will continue to develop reading and writing skills by recognising and using the usual spelling patterns in words. The children will also continue to develop their understanding of phonics through the 'Letters and Sounds' scheme.

In our handwriting sessions the children will be revising letter formation and begin to join letters. Children will read individually and in groups to develop strategies to help with their understanding of texts

-Please ensure they bring their reading books in daily so that they can be heard as often as possible.

-Their usual weekly spelling test will continue, now on a THURSDAY!

Art/DT

This term we will be linking our art work with our Africa topic. We will use a variety of stimulus to introduce different styles and to influence our own art work, for example looking at patterns found in nature such as animal skins. The range of media and techniques we will use will include sketching, pastel work, pen and using the computer.

Geography/History

We will be learning about Africa, exploring the physical and human features that give the continent its characteristics. We will look at differences and similarities, the effects of weather on people and their surroundings, and will consider how land and buildings are used. We will be carrying out research on some of the animals commonly found in Africa.

PE

The children will be developing their basic skills in hockey during outside PE. In our dance lessons the children will be exploring dances from around the world, and also devising their own aerobics routines. **P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Please note that as some lessons will take place outside, it would be advisable for all children to have trainers and plain, dark coloured tracksuits as well as named water bottles.

Maths

The children will be extending their knowledge of two and three digit numbers, consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction and will be introduced to the ideas of multiplication and division. They will be encouraged to use this knowledge in their mental calculations and when solving real life problems. They will be introduced to standard units of measurement and will be using money to both count and give change up to a pound. The children will be revising the properties of common 2D and 3D shapes, and be introduced to new shapes. Problem solving activities will feature in many maths lessons.

We will also be testing the children on their times table knowledge (also on a Thursday) each week.

Science

This term children will be developing their existing knowledge of plants and their basic needs to grow from bulbs and seeds into healthy plants, flowers and trees. We will enjoy planting, observing and caring for bulbs and seeds.

We will enjoy finding out about animals linked to our Geography work on Africa. Children will secure an understanding the basic needs of animals, including humans to grow and develop from young offspring into healthy children and then adults.

We consolidate our scientific minds and skills to observe, predict, question, test and record what we see and know.

Computing

The children will have regular access to ICT resources to integrate their learning in other subjects. They will be developing keyboard and word processing skills. They will also be learning how to use other ICT equipment such as video cameras and simple floor robots, and learning how to input information by programming.

Languages

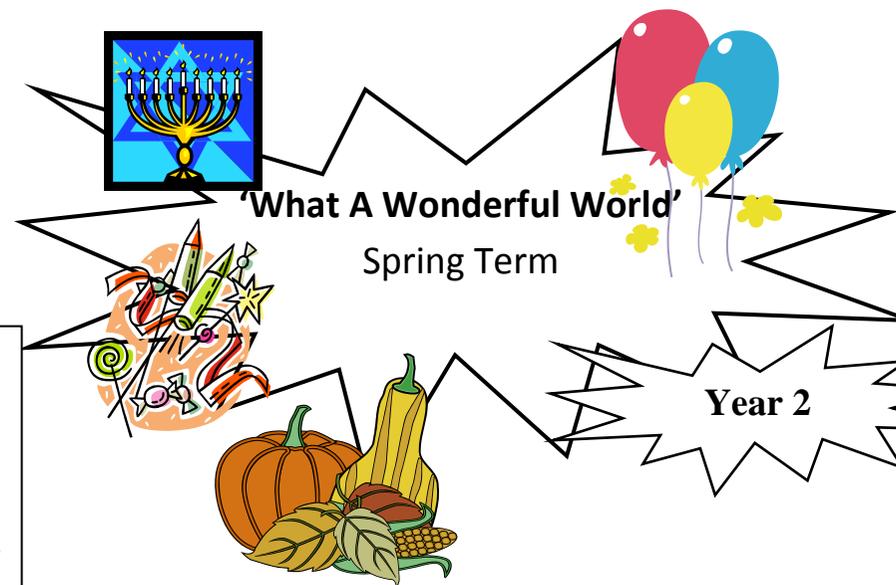
The children will continue to learn French vocabulary for colours, animals and body parts.

RE

The children will be introduced to the Muslim religion of Islam, as well as continuing to learn about aspects of the Christian faith. Their learning will focus on who is a Muslim and what do they believe, and also focusing on what makes some places special.

Enrichment (trips, visitors, events)

Dance workshop
Theatre visit to school
Visit from a Muslim
6 weeks of African Drumming



PSHE

We will be continuing our ongoing work on Values focussing on respect, generosity, peace, and happiness. Alongside this, the children will also be developing their philosophical enquiry skills. The children will also be exploring personal health and relationship.

Music

Following the Music Express scheme, children will be singing and playing percussion instruments, exploring timbre, tempo and dynamics. They will also be receiving specialist music classes, focussing on teaching a 6 week block of African Drumming.