



Friday 6th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled back in well after the Christmas holidays and are excited to begin their new topics this term.

Please find below details of the subjects we shall be studying this term.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Maths	Counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measuring and understanding shape, problem solving.	
English	African traditional stories - Anansi stories Information texts Poetry	Reports - Nocturnal Animals Take One Book... Performance Poetry
Science	Exploring Everyday Materials	Living Things in Habitats
Humanities	Amazing Africa!	Explorers (History) - Columbus and Armstrong
Computing	Creativity (digital images) E-Safety	Computer Networks E-Safety
Art/DT	African patterns/ colour	Planet models
RE	Special Places	
PE	Gymnastics	Multi-Skills

Reading

There continues to be a strong emphasis placed on reading and phonics in Year 2. Every child participates in a weekly guided reading session and also reads 1-1 to with an adult regularly. Every child also accesses a daily phonics session.

It is very important that children will regularly read to an adult and that a comment will be entered and signed by the adult in the child's Reading Record. Should comments be recorded, children will be rewarded with stickers on their reading bookmarks (which are kept in school). When the bookmarks have been filled with stickers, children will be able to choose a prize.

P.E.

P.E will continue to be on Wednesdays however it is essential for children to have their kit in school all week. It is vital that all children have the correct P.E kit to enable them to take part in these lessons. This includes suitable footwear such as pumps or trainers, as when possible, P.E will take place outside. Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled. Earrings should be removed for P.E., alternatively, if children cannot remove their own earrings, they will be provided with tape to cover these.

End of Key Stage 1 Assessments

Year 2 is the final year group of Key Stage 1 so towards the end of Year 2, all children nationally will complete assessments to ascertain the levels they are working at in reading, writing, maths and science. These assessments will take place in May this year. A letter will be sent nearer to the time which will provide further information and there will also be information on our school website.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Miss McTasney