



Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everybody had a fun Christmas and New Year.

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

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Maths	Money, Division, Properties of shapes, Fractions, length and height	
English	African traditional stories - Anansi stories Information texts	Non chronological Reports Poetry - patterns on a page
Science	Exploring Everyday Materials	Living Things in Habitats including a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Humanities	Amazing Africa! (Geography)	Explorers (History) - Columbus and Armstrong
Computing	Digital Media E-Safety	Using the internet E-Safety
Art/DT	African patterns/ colour	Clay animal
RE	Special Places	
PE	Gymnastics	Multi-Skills

Reading

Thank you to everyone who had a real push on reading with their child last half term. I hope you enjoyed completing the reading challenges with your child. We now have a couple of children who have completed their first reading bookmark. Hopefully there will be lots more this half term. Please continue to read regularly with your child, adding a comment/initials and date in the reading record book. Remember your child does not have to read the whole book - 3 or 4 pages will do. Recording a date/comment/initials will ensure your child is rewarded with a sticker on their reading bookmark.

We continue to have a strong emphasis on reading and phonics in class. 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.



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 and so towards the end of Year 2 all children nationally complete assessments (known as SATs) to assess their learning in reading, writing, maths. These assessments will take place in May this year. Over the next couple of months, I will provide further information that will help you support your child with these SATs. I will also be able to discuss the assessments at our next parent consultation.

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

Mrs Snowden