



Monday 10th January 2022

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	Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Properties of Shapes, Fractions	
English	African traditional stories - Anansi stories Information texts	Non chronological Reports Poetry - patterns on a page
Science	Exploring Everyday Materials	Living Things and their Habitats
Humanities	Amazing Africa! (Geography)	
Computing	Creating and Publishing E-Safety & Using technology	Using the internet E-Safety & Using technology
Art/DT	African patterns/ colour	Explore & use mechanisms (levers, wheels, axes)
RE	Special Places	
PE	Multi-Skills	Hockey

Reading

Thank you to everyone who had a real push on reading with their child last half term. We have had quite a few children complete their first reading bookmark, one child has even completed three! 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 whole class reading session and also reads 1-1 to with an adult regularly. Every child also accesses a daily phonics session. We have also started daily oral reading in pairs to build fluency and automatic reading with minimal sounding out: this is the end goal for all readers in Year 2.

Spellings and Homework

We will continue to give a piece of English or Maths homework every Friday, as well as a sheet of spellings to learn. Homework must be handed in the following week and any children who do not complete their homework will be asked to complete this during Golden Time on the Friday. The children have a spelling test on the set words on the following Friday. These spellings are all from the Year 2 curriculum. I also set these spellings as a game for the children to practise on the Spelling Shed website, so please encourage your child to practise their spellings on here too if possible. Log-ins are stuck in the front of children's reading records.



P.E.

P.E will continue to be on Wednesdays so it is essential for children to come to school in 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.

Miss McTasney