Year 1 Summer 2 Overview

Dear Parents,

Our topic for this half term is 'Africa' and will be mainly based around African art and stories set around Africa. The children will get to explore the wonders of Kenya through the story 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. Please find this half term's homework below and a brief overview of each curricular area can be found overleaf which we hope you will find helpful.

Thank you,
Miss Kennedy and Miss Cowell

English Homework

Reading

Children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night to supplement the reading opportunities presented in class. It would be much appreciated if this could be recorded in your child's 'Home Record' book so that a clear record can be kept of the books your child has read. Finished books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child has finished a book before this day, please encourage your child to re-read the book to build up fluency and word reading, as this is a key learning objective for KS1.

Phonics

Homework will be set on the Friday of each week to be handed in on the following Monday.

Topic Homework

Homework activities will be linked to our topic for this half term. It is compulsory to complete any two activities and it is optional to complete the remaining four activities. It has been indicated which activities should be completed independently and which may require a little help from an adult.

Independent

- Write a postcard from Africa
- Using natural materials, create a African pattern
- Draw a poster to show which groups you belong to, e.g. Rainbows, Cubs, family, gymnastics
- Draw or write about a positive experience that you have had this year

Supported

- Make a collage representing Pentecost
- Design an identification chart of native plants

Maths Homework

Every Monday, children will receive maths homework that will revisit the learning that the children have completed that week.

The set task should be completed for the following Monday. If you have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher.

English

This half term, the children will be reading the book 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' by David Conway and Jude Daly. The story will inspire the children to create their own innovated version of the story and be a stimulus for non-fiction writing.

After this unit, the children will read and perform a selection of poems from Julia Donaldson. They will explore two themes: 'Rhythm and Sound' and 'Natural Wonders'.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning about computer science and creating their own algorithms using Scratch Jr..

PE

The children will be developing their fundamental movement skill of kicking. Alongside this, the children will be practicing their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day!

Maths

The children will be learning about position and direction. They will describe different positions using vocabulary such as 'left, right, forwards, backwards'. Children will also learn the ordinal numbers.

Next children will learn about place value of numbers up to 100. They will be counting to 100, partitioning and ordering numbers. The children will also compare numbers and will be finding one more and one less than a given number.

The children will progress to learning about money. They will learn how to recognise different notes and coins and will use their knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems.

Finally, the children will learn how to tell time to the hour and to half past the hour.

Music

In this unit, the children will consolidate all the learning that has taken place in the year. Revisiting songs and musical activities.

Science

In science, the children will have the opportunity to identify and name a variety of animals in the school grounds as well as animals from around the world in both pictures and first-hand through exploration. The children will work scientifically by researching what different animals eat and grouping them according to this. They will also describe and compare the structure of a variety of animals and group them according to their own criteria.

Art

This unit of work enables the children to initially study African artists and patterns. Children will also have the opportunity to learn, or develop, important skills such as knotting, plaiting, fringing etc. and apply these, and other decorations, to their own dyed t-shirts. Finally, children will understand that weaving can be used to create textiles and follow the basic step.

History

In history, the children will study the life, significance and legacy of Wangari Maathai. This will link to concept development about society and power and build on what they have previously studied relating to significant individuals as a historical discipline. Children will learn about her life, achievements and how she overcame huge obstacles. Children will recognise why she is celebrated today and how her legacy lives on.

RE

Our topic this term is Baptism and the children will be exploring the question 'Why is Baptism special?'. Through this unit, children will encounter the concept of God through the promises and symbols of baptism. Many Christians believe that the decision to be committed to Christ and be baptised brings salvation. The children will visit the our church to see how a baptism is performed.