



Foundation Stage Newsletter Term 6 2022.

EXPLORE AFRICA



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. We hope you all had a lovely Platinum Jubilee Holiday.

This term our topic is called – **Explore Africa**. We will be exploring some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in Africa using stories and non-fiction texts to find out about African life. If you have any topic related artefacts which could be shared in class, please let us know. We will also be having an exciting visit from Zoo-Lab on Friday 10th June, who will be bringing some African animals to visit us and taking us on a virtual journey!

Many thanks, the Foundation Team.

Literacy

We will be writing about African animals, creating story maps, retelling African inspired stories, before writing parts of them. During our writing activities the children will be continuing to write simple sentences, applying correct letter formation, capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, along with using their phonics to support their spelling. They will also be encouraged to correctly spell any of the tricky words we have covered.

Phonics

In phonics this term, we will be consolidating the new longer words and tricky words that we have learned this year. Please continue to practise segmenting and blending phonemes and digraphs at home and support your child to quickly recognise tricky words in their reading books and other texts that you read.

Reading Books

This term we will be concentrating on reading texts in groups and discussing what happens in the stories. We will practise 'prosody' which is the expression and intonation that we use when reading. Please continue to practise reading the phonics books that your child brings home several times to enhance their fluency and understanding of the text. Keep writing in your child's reading log each time they read with you. This really helps us understand how they are getting on with reading at home.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring homes around the world, along with comparing houses in different parts of Africa itself. We will explore the fact that Africa is not a country, but a continent.

We will also look at iconic landmarks across Africa – such as Mount Kilimanjaro, African Savanah and the river Nile. We will also look at the climate and weather.

This term we will also introduce the children to the school ipads, computer suite and our easy cars. (Remote control cars)

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th June- Inset Day

Tuesday 7th June- term 6 begins

Monday 20th June- Competitive Track Races

Friday 24th June- Sports Day- More details to follow

Tuesday 28th June and Thursday 30th June- Parent Consultations

Thursday 7th July- Whole School Taster Day – spend the day in Year 1

Thursday 21st July- End of Term 6

Friday 22nd July- Inset day

Mathematics



In mathematics this term we will be consolidating our number knowledge of facts and patterns and applying these in different contexts. We will be learning how to use a rekenrek (pictured above) which is a key manipulative that the children will use in Key Stage One. We will also be continuing to develop our spatial reasoning skills through practical activities both inside and out.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our focused PSHEE sessions will focus on 'change'. Initially this will focus on how they have changed since they were born. We will then look at transitioning to Year 1 and discussing how they feel about this upcoming change. Although the theme is 'change', it is important to point out that we do also focus on all the things that will stay the same. As soon as we know who your child's Year 1 teacher is we will start to get to know them- with story times and classroom visits so they can begin to build their relationships with their new teacher.

Communication and

Language

As we explore Africa we will introduce the children to a wide range of vocabulary linked to our topic. We hope you hear some of it at home.

Physical Development

This term we are continuing 'games', exploring how to play against an opponent, to play by the rules and to work co-operatively as a team. We will also be getting ready for sports day by practising some of the activities. This will also include running within a lane ready for the running races. PE is now on Wednesdays, please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will look at different African art, including the artists Esther Mahlangu and Francis Essoua Calu. We will also look at silhouettes pictures, along with patterns in African fabric.

Our role plays within each classroom will evolve over the term. They will be linked to the topic, but created and led by the children, so may differ between the classes.

Message

As the weather improves please apply sun cream to your child before school and ensure they have a sun hat. If possible, please provide your child with a clear water bottle. This helps us quickly identify who needs to drink more, which is even more important as the days become warmer.