



# Our Year 2 Classroom News

## Spring Term Information

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### Welcome

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for another fantastic term at school. Our topic this Spring term is called **African Safari**.

Our launch day is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, however you won't need to worry about an outfit as we will be making a mask of our favourite African animal on the day!

Ms Allen, Miss O'Connor, Miss Powell and the team

### Our Topic

Over the course of the Spring term, we will explore these areas:

- The geography of countries outside of Europe
- How people live in different parts of the world and how their lives might be different to ours
- The life of Nelson Mandela and his contributions to African society

**In English**, we will be writing stories related to our book 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. We will be writing poetry about our favourite African animal. We will also be focusing on writing letters and instructions.

#### In Maths

We will be...

- recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- solving multiplication and division problems using arrays, repeated addition and sharing into groups
- beginning our learning on fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$
- interpreting and constructing pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables to hold data

**In Science**, we will be exploring the life cycle and life processes of animals (focusing on our 'hatch an egg' project) and how this is similar and different to the life processes of plants.



### Things to Remember

#### PE:

Year 2 have indoor PE days on Monday or Tuesday (PE days may change due to Forest school so please have your PE kits ready for a Monday) afternoons and outdoor PE as follows;

- Westminster on Wednesday
- Embankment on Thursday
- St Paul's on Thursday

**Please note:** make sure that you child has the correct PE kit.

#### Home Learning:

- **Reading Books** – changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- **Maths** – Using sumdog to practice mental maths for the four operations + - x ÷



### Important Dates

7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back to school.
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Launch Day (no dressing up!)
16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parents Evenings
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Science Week

30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Paul's class assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Embankment class assembly