



Our Year 2 Classroom News

Spring Term Information

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Welcome

We hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday and you are looking forward to another fantastic term at school in 2020. Our topic this coming Spring term is called **A Tour of Africa**.

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

Our Topic

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

- The Geography of countries outside of Europe: Africa
- 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
- Ancient Egyptians

In English, we will be writing stories related to the book 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. We will be writing poetry about our favourite African animal linked to the book, 'Inside the Lion'. We will also be focusing on writing letters to Water Aid 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). We will then look at the similarities and differences to the life processes of plants.

Things to Remember

PE:

Year 2 have indoor PE days on Tuesday and outdoor PE on Wednesday afternoons.

Please note: make sure that your child has the correct PE kit and that it is labelled clearly.

Home Learning:

- **Reading Books** – changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- **Maths** – Using sumdog to practice mental maths for the four operations + - x ÷
- **Spellings-** are given out every other Friday: these spellings are tested for the following 2 Fridays.

Important Dates

6 th Jan	Children back to school
12 th 13 th Feb	Parent Conferences
28 th Jan	St. Paul's Class Assembly
13 th & 27 th Jan 10 th Feb 2 nd & 16 th March	Year 2 Parent Open mornings
17 th - 21 st Feb	Half Term
5 th March	World Book Day – Dress Up
24 th March	Embankment Class Assembly
30 th March	Whole School Race for Life Charity Run
3 rd April	Last day of Term