

### Key Texts

We will be using a range of texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times. These will include

- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown
- For You Are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane
  - Let's Explore Kenya
- Mr Wolf's Pancake by Jan Fearnley
  - The Easter Story

### Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 4 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds. Lots of the children are blending sounds to read words confidently now so we will be supporting children with instant sound blending in order to develop their fluency. Please continue to send books back on a Wednesday so that a new book can be given on a Friday.

### Expressive Arts and Design

#### Music

We will continue to listen to and appraise a piece of music weekly, taken from the Spring 2 Reception Charanga scheme - 'Our World'. As part of our theme we will be learning to copy and create some animal rhythms. In Art we will be making animal sculptures from clay.

#### Design

We will be testing, designing, making and evaluating our own nest cakes.



### Understanding the world

We will be continuing to learn about our wonderful over this half term. For this half of the term we will be looking at warmer places and will find out about what it is like in Africa.

### Seasons

We will be thinking about what happens in the Spring.

### Key Questions

What is it like in Africa?

How is our life similar or different to a child who lives in Kenya?

What changes happen in the Spring?

### Literacy

In our 'Talk for Writing' sessions we will be learning the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We will also be learning some poems from memory.

In our WOW writing sessions, children will be continuing to develop and apply their knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation, including capital letters and full stops.

### Maths

This half term we will be focussing on numbers 9 and 10. We will be representing these numbers in different ways and looking at number bonds to 10. We will also look at 3D shape and revisit pattern work.

### Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on developing fundamental movement skills. We will be learning to perform a dynamic balance on a line and a static balance, exploring stance. We will also be developing co-ordination through ball skills and will learn some counter balances with a partner. In gymnastics we will continue to grow our confidence when using small and large apparatus.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be thinking about how we keep our bodies and mind healthy.

### Holi and Easter

We will be finding out about how some people celebrate Holi and Easter.

### Science Week

We will be finding, observing, thinking and talking about plants growing in our school grounds.