

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

- The Great Race (link to Lunar New Year).
- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown
 - Let's Explore Kenya
 - 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.

We will also be learning to sing some special songs especially for some of our special people.

Art

In art we will be looking at Henri Matisse animal drawings and African patterns through the artist Esther Mahlangu.

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 finding 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 literacy sessions we will be learning the stories 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Great Race'.

We will be returning to drawing club sessions to encourage children's engagements in mark making and writing. The children will be able to use their imaginations to create drawings linked to our stories. We will continue to work on sounding out CVC words as well as developing longer words and short captions and sentences.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on number bonds in particular those for the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will be learning to count to 20 and beyond by looking at counting patterns. The children will also learn about doubles and odd and even numbers.

Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on developing fundamental movement skills. We will be learning to develop and apply their ball skills and counter balance with a partner. In gymnastics we will be learning to develop our jumping skills and rotational movements on the low and large apparatus.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

We will be continuing our scheme called 'Taking care'.

Luna New Year and Easter

We will be finding out about how some people celebrate Luna New Year and Easter.