

This week EYFS will be learning about ...

Literacy: We will be sharing the story, 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown.

We will be:

- Listening to then re-enacting the story.
- Finding out where Kenya is and learn about some of the fruits grown in Kenya.
- Drawing a plan of Handa's journey and label it.
- Create a list of fruits or animals from the story.
- Writing sentences to say what Handa found or saw.
- Reading other books, including non-fiction and stories with an African theme.

You might want to:

- Read other books and stories from Africa.
- Find out about Kenyan people: Where they live, what they eat, what they like to do...and compare with our own lives. What is the same and what is different?

Phonics:

We will be recapping all of the set 2 sounds taught this term and applying them into our writing and spelling. Please practise the sounds daily with your child so that they can recall them automatically and at speed as well as practising writing words with the set 2 sounds in them.

You might want to:

- Practise recognising these sounds and last week's sounds.
- Say the phrase and the sound.
- Find words that contain these sounds.
- Read words that contain these sounds.
- Write simple words which contain these sounds independently.
- Spot tricky words that have been taught.

Mathematics:

This week we will continue our work in Spring Block 3 of White Rose Maths, 'Growing 6,7,8'.

We will:

- Find 6,7 and 8.
- continue Represent 6,7 and 8.
- Explore 1 more and 1 less.
- Investigate the composition of 6,7 and 8.
- Make pairs - odd and even.
- Find and make doubles to 8.
- Combine 2 groups.
- Look at conceptual subitising beyond 5.

Reading to children is an essential part of their development. Any of the following books will support your child during this unit of work:

Understanding the world:

- Locate Kenya on a globe.
- Compare Kenya and Sharnford. What is the same? What is different? We will focus on the weather, climate, food and animals.
- Talk about Handa's home and where she lives and compare it to our own homes.
- Explore materials and their properties.
- As part of Internet Safety day on Tuesday 11th February, we will be listening to the story 'Chicken Clicken' by Jeanne Willis to help us understand the importance of staying safe online.

Expressive arts and design:

- We will create pictures and paintings based on our African theme.
- We will listen to African music and continue to create musical instruments.

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- We will continue to focus on this term's topic, 'Which Stories are Special and Why? We will focus on stories that are special to Christians.'

P.E

Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Friday this term. Please ensure your children have their water bottles in school and come dressed in their PE kit with all jewellery removed.