

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday with lots of fun and rest. We are beginning the new term with an 'African Adventure'. The learning opportunities and objectives involved are outlined below.

English

We will be:

- Enjoying listening to a variety of stories linked to our African Adventure.
- Continuing to work on our Phase 5 phonic knowledge and letter formation.
- Developing our skills to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently in sentences.
- Extending our use of punctuation to include question marks and exclamation marks.
- Sequencing sentences to form short stories.
- Writing information texts.

Maths

We will be:

- Consolidating our recall of number bonds facts to 10.
- Recognising, writing and ordering teen numbers.
- Developing our place value knowledge for numbers to 20.
- Using different resources to build numbers to 20.
- Adding and subtracting within 20.
- Finding number bonds for 20.
- Finding doubles and near doubles.

Topic

We will be going on an African Adventure this term! We will look at maps and find out how we would travel there. We will find out about life in Kenya and will compare this to the children's own lives. The children will have the opportunity to explore African music and art.

We will be finding out about animals and using scientific language to group them in different ways. We will find out about African animals and why they are suited to living there. We will use our scientific knowledge to create our own animals.

We will be focussing on gymnastics and yoga in our P.E. sessions; developing our balance and co-ordination. In RE we will be learning about what makes places sacred and different places of worship. Through our computing sessions, the children will explore the idea of programming and learn how to use commands with the floor robots.

If you have anything that may be helpful for our topic, we would love for your child to bring this in to share too.

- Home learning tasks will be set for the half term. The children can choose 4 tasks to complete each week. These should be handed in by Thursday and the learning log will be sent home again on the Friday once checked.
- Please remember your child will be bringing home their Big Cat book each Wednesday to be returned on Monday. They will also bring home their sharing book that they have chosen each week. We encourage everyone to read at least 4 times a week and this can be recorded in their usual reading record book. Remember to ask your child questions based on what they are reading. You can discuss the book before reading and then ask them questions whilst reading and when the book is completed. Don't forget during January, if you read 5 times a week then you will receive a certificate.
- Please can we ask that all items of your child's uniform are named so that we can help children find any misplaced items.
- Please remember if you have any questions or worries throughout the year, do feel free to pop a note in your child's contact book or come to talk to us at the end of the day. Our class email is: yearone@high-firs.kent.sch.uk

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