

We're Going on Safari

Dear Families,

WOW - How fast is this school year going?! Welcome to the Summer term! If you hadn't guessed it already but our next journey around Africa is all about the animals and habitats. We know the children love animals and already know some great facts to share. In this newsletter we will share more information about our learning through the summer, key dates and some important reminders!

As always if you have any questions then please let us know either on the door, email or via the school office.

The Africa Teaching Team 😊

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

We will be holding a meeting for parents on Tuesday 28th April at 2.15pm. You will find out what this is, what it entails and how you can best support your child. We hope all parents can make it!

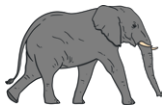
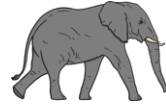
School Trip, Enrichment and Join our Journey

As you can imagine these might be animal related which is very exciting so watch this space as we finalise all the details and we will update you with dates very soon on all of these.

PE

Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. We will let you know of any changes as quickly as possible. As always please make sure your child is wearing the correct PE uniform, the right shoes and that no earrings are left in.

- T-Shirt: Jade or white with school logo or plain white.
- Shorts or leggings or tracksuit bottoms: Black.
- Round-necked sweatshirt: Any colour but must be plain.



Phonics, Reading and Spelling

The children will continue with daily phonics sessions where they will continue to strengthen their phonic knowledge, so they feel confident to try reading a range of words and to support them with their spellings when writing. We will also be continuing to learn how to read and spell the tricky words that don't fit the phonics rules. The children will also have opportunities through the week to read to and with an adult in the class with either their RWI Guided Reading book or the book they take home to practice with you. We will also continue to share stories daily too.

English

There are so many opportunities this term to write about animals. We will be writing labels, post cards from safari plus our own animal stories. This term we are going to using the text 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to help us write our very own story of 'We're going on a Safari Hunt' and to also write our own travel guided to the animals we might see if we went on Safari.

Maths

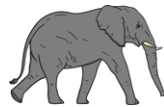
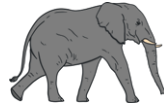
This term we are going to be introducing multiplication and division. Discussing and identifying equal groups, learning to add doubles, and what an array is. We will also be investigating our numbers to 100. Learning to count forwards and backwards to 100, identifying one more and less than any given number and counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. After this unit will be learning fractions, to tell the time, and money.

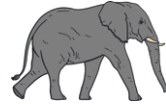
Science

This term will see us become scientists investigating animals and their habitats, plants and the season of summer. Animals give us an opportunity to build on our fantastic animal knowledge and plants gives us the best opportunities for experiments and instruction writing.

Journey of Discovery

This is a geography-based unit giving us the time to build on our map skills, looking closer at the physical features of Africa and be able to discuss the similarities and differences of Africa to the UK. The children will learn the importance of conservation and of safari tourism. The children will also create some brilliant animal artwork using different medias. The children will be using the computers to help create a digital animal painting and learn some computer skills while researching animals and then typing up their new knowledge about the animals. In music the children will learn more African songs and some animal songs while finding out about rhythm, pitch and tempo.





PSHE - SCARF

This term our main topics covered will be looking at how to be your best, growth mindset, being healthy and changes. More detail about our PSHE scheme can be found on the school website.

RE

The children have two more exciting RE days this term. One is a Christianity unit focusing on Pentecost and why it is an important celebration to Christians. The second is a Judaism unit learning about prayer and worship within a Jewish family.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please bring in a named water bottle every day.
 - Please make sure everything is named.
 - No toys or keychains on book bags.
- Please let a member of the teaching team and/or the office know if someone different is picking up your child.

Key Dates

Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Parents = Tuesday 28th April 2.15pm
 Monday 4th May = Bank Holiday
 Friday 22nd May = PD DAY
 Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May = Half Term
 Monday 1st June = Start of school
 Monday 1st June – 12th June = Phonics Screening Check
 June = School Trip
 Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July = Activity Week
 Wednesday 8th July = Sports Day
 Monday 13th July = Reports
 Wednesday 15th July = Move up Morning
 Friday 17th July = Last day of School
 Monday 20th July = PD Day

Reading at Home

We aim for daily reading however, you do not need to read the whole book in one night. Once the book has been read through twice, it will be changed. Reading will encourage your child to recall the phonic sounds they have been learning and help them to spot diagraphs, trigraphs and split diagraphs within words when segmenting and blending.

