

1st November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now well into the Autumn term and once again we would like to outline the topics we will be covering in Year 2. We ended last half term with an amazing performance and workshop by The Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company and it was a perfect way to start our topic on **Africa**. We will also be learning about the changes in nature and festivals that happen in **Autumn**. We will soon be starting to learn songs, dances and the narration for our annual Christmas Nativity performance which will take place in the week beginning 10th December.

The children worked really hard in the first half of this term and have come back from their holiday with enthusiasm. It is great to see how keen they are to take part in activities and bring in artefacts and work from home that reinforce our curriculum. Thank you once again for all your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Stearn

<p>English</p> 	<p>During our English lessons, we will use a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to support our topics, and be a stimulus for reading, writing, speaking and listening. Specifically, we will be identifying adjectives within sentences and also looking at how a range of punctuation is used within texts. We will be using the seasons and different festivals as a stimulus for our writing and will enjoy reading and writing poetry. We will continue to support the children to develop a neat, handwriting style with regular handwriting practise. Our daily phonics sessions will continue to introduce digraphs and trigraphs and will look at a range of tricky words to support writing and reading development.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Our maths lessons, this half term, will start with a focus on number bonds to 5, 10 and 20. We will look at number families and move onto simple subtraction calculations. Towards the end of this term, the children will be introduced to naming different types of shapes and will learn more about place value. The children will continue to learn some basic maths fact 'Learn It's' each week, which are displayed on the 'Learn It' tree.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science, this half term, we will continue our ongoing topic exploring seasonal changes. We will be learning about what some animals are doing in Autumn in order to prepare for the Winter, and sorting trees into deciduous and evergreen.</p>
<p>IT and Computing</p> 	<p>The children will continue to learn about internet safety and use the www.thinkuknow website to promote discussion and an awareness of how to keep safe online. This half term we will also be using the school ipads to find information that supports our topic work using the child safe search engine www.kidrex.org</p>
<p>History</p> 	<p>This half term, we will be learning about Remembrance Sunday, and appreciating why people buy and wear poppies at this time of year. We will also be learning about the life of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and think about different sources of evidence.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In our Geography lessons, we will be using the atlases to identify the seven continents and have a particular focus on Africa and surrounding oceans. We will be learning about the landscape, climate and physical features of South Africa (home of the Zulu people) and also learning about the wild animals found in the nature reserves of Kenya.</p>
<p>Art and Design Technology</p> 	<p>Our artwork, this half term, will be linked to our topics and the children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials such as paint, clay and textiles to create a range of pictures and models. We also have Christmas/Winter 'making morning' to look forward to!</p>

<p>Music</p> 	<p>In our weekly singing sessions in Key Stage One, the children will be learning and performing the songs which form part of our Christmas Nativity production which will take place in December. We will also be learning a range of seasonal songs that form part of our assembly programme.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>The children have one indoor and one outdoor P.E. session each week. The indoor session will focus on dance and developing a sequence of moves to music. The outdoor session will focus on passing and receiving an object, such as a ball, using hands, feet, bats and hockey sticks.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>This half term, we will thinking about "Celebrations". As we move towards Christmas, the children will be thinking about the tradition of giving and receiving gifts, and consider the question "Why did God give Jesus as a gift to the World?"</p>
<p>Global Awareness</p> 	<p>Our Global Awareness curriculum will focus on helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be talking to the children about the shoebox appeal, and how the lives of children from poorer countries can be enhanced by our gifts.</p>
<p>Citizenship</p> 	<p>Our citizenship sessions will focus on our new school values. This half term we will be thinking about being "Resourceful". We will be encouraging the children to think of solutions themselves and not giving up at the first hurdle.</p>
<p>Homework Ideas</p> 	<p>Here are some ideas to support your child at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading (school books or home books) • Writing (stories, diaries, recounts, book reviews) • Cooking (reading instructions, weighing and measuring) • Going for a walk and looking for signs of Autumn and Winter. • Using www.kidrex.org to search for information.