



Woodland Newsletter

Year 2

Autumn 2

ENGLISH

In English this half term, we will be focussing our reading and writing on the text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway and Jude Daly. The aims are to explore the themes within the book and the country of Africa. The children will do this through creative writing, and explore this with confidence through writing for a real purpose and audience. We will be looking at using speech bubbles and direct speech in our writing. Through looking at Africa, we will be creating fact files and non-chronological reports and writing poems and narratives. We will try to incorporate as much description into our writing as possible.

MATHS

In Maths, we will be focussing on statistics, both drawing and interpreting data. In fractions, we will be learning how to find simple fractions of shapes and numbers. We will be learning about money and how to recognise coins and solve problems involving money. We will build on our knowledge of time and how to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks, any help that the children have at home with practicing time will greatly help their progress in this subject area.

SCIENCE

Our science focus this half term is "How could we be the next Jessica Ennis-Hill or Harry Kane?". Through this we will learn how our body works and how to keep healthy; we will look at the different parts of the skeleton and why the skeleton is important for us. We will also be looking at the different food groups and how these are important for a healthy balanced diet.

TOPIC

Our topic enquiry is "Where would you prefer to live: England or Africa?" Through this topic we will further explore the continents and oceans of our planet. We will discuss how the weather is different around the world and some of the factors that effect the different climates. We will look at the similarities and differences between our culture and that of Kenya in Africa. One of our exciting tasks will be to create a clay pot similar to those used in African culture.

READING, SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK:

- Children should be trying to read at home every night and it is vital that their reading books come back into school every day.
- Children will be given spellings Monday and they will be tested on these on Friday.
- Reasoning homework will be sent home every Friday please bring this back in the following week.



PE

Children need to remember their PE kit each week, this should be black shorts, black pumps/trainers and a white t-shirt..

- Beech have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays .
- Holly have PE on Mondays and Thursdays

GENERAL INFORMATION

Children are having a weekly big sing and are continuing to learn the recorder.

We are having a big push with times tables in Year 2. Please allow your child to practise Times Tables Rock Stars as much as possible. They have their Login details in their Reading Record books.

Autumn 2 is a really busy term, make sure you keep an eye out for the dates for Christmas activities.