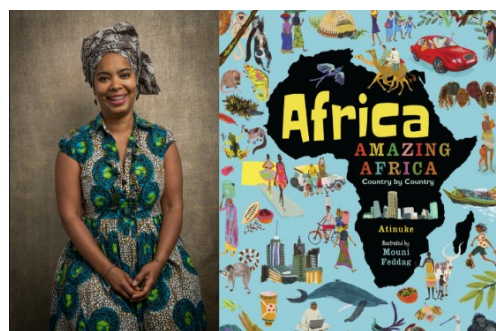


Class 2 Newsletter Autumn Termlet 1 2019

Creative Curriculum Focus:

Amazing Africa

This term, our Creative Curriculum will focus on Africa. The children will learn about the key geographical features of the continent. We will then focus on Kenya, finding out about the wildlife, landscapes and culture. The children will learn about the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK along with continuing to develop their geographical skills through a variety of fun and interactive activities.



Our Creative Curriculum learning this term will involve:-

- Visiting the Bath Literary Festival to listen to the storyteller Atinuke who will tell us some traditional African tales. (More information to follow shortly.)
- Using atlases and globes to locate Africa and naming the countries that make it a continent.
- Mixing colours to paint an African sunset silhouette.
- Drawing a map of Kenya and locating the capital city, cities and oceans.
- Identifying the features of a national park and exploring how it is different to a game reserve.
- Identifying animals that live in Kenya and beginning to understand the concept of 'endangered species'
- Finding out about life in a Kenyan city and a village. Comparing the life of a Kenyan child who lives in the countryside with life in the U.K.
- Exploring ancient African tribal patterns and creating our own repeating patterns.
- Using the internet and non-fiction books for research.
- Presenting information in a variety of ways.



Your child would benefit from your support—please get involved. You could...

- Check that all homework activities have been completed and homework is returned to school on time. This term, homework will involve learning and improving recall of times table facts; reading daily at home and practising spellings.
- Take your child to the library to borrow a book about Africa. You could read and share stories from different African countries and cultures.
- Watch geography programmes about Africa -
- Find out about African food and cook an African dish together - some ideas:- www.bbc.co.uk/food/cuisines/african
- The Lion King, set in the African savannah, is currently showing at the cinema rated PG—maybe you might like to watch it with your child.

Other areas of learning during autumn termlet 1...

English	Maths	Science	Religious Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spelling, punctuation and grammar. Guided Reading Handwriting Text Focus:- <p>1. Lila and The Secret of Rain. Setting and character descriptions, writing Lila's diary entries, creating a story map and writing their own version of the story</p> <p>2. The Ugly Five - Julia Donaldson. Narrative poem. Character description. Create their own poem. Create an ugly animal and describe using adjectives.</p> <p>2. 3. The Elephant—Oxford Wild Reads by Paul May. Non-Chronological report writing. Choose an African animal.</p>	<p>Place Value -Year 2</p> <p>Numbers to 100 Count forwards and backwards to 100 Represent numbers to 100 Compare groups and numbers Order numbers Money—count money Add and Subtract multiples of 10</p> <p>Place Value - Year 3</p> <p>Numbers to 1,000 Counting in hundreds Compare groups and numbers to 1,000 Order numbers to 1,000 Find 1,10,100 more or less Money—convert pounds and pence Add and subtract multiples of</p>	<p>Uses of Everyday</p> <p>Materials Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses.</p> <p>Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.</p>	<p>People of God Consider what it is like to follow God. Consider how we look after the Earth. The story of Noah's Ark from the Bible.</p> <p>Music Hands Feet and Heart A song that celebrates South African Music. Listen and appraise.</p>
Computing	P.S.H.E	French	P.E.
<p>The Impact of Technology Be able to describe what a device needs in order to work Know about the different types of device that can access the internet and the different ways they are used. Know how technology supports people in their daily lives .</p>	<p>New Beginnings Getting to each other Expectations for the year</p>	<p>My Holiday Transport The Seasons Days of the Week The Weather</p>	<p>Dance - Ball skills—throwing and catching. Netball</p>

Physical Education The children have **PE** on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Tuesday's lesson is taught by our sports coach . It is a good idea for children to leave their PE kit and trainers in school so they always have them. They can be taken home for washing at the end of term. **Please also ensure that if your child has pierced ears, they are able to remove their own earrings or alternatively have them removed before school on these particular days.** If your child is unable to do PE due to an illness or injury, please ensure that you have spoken to me about this beforehand. A written note is preferable.

Homework - Spelling homework will be sent home on Tuesdays. Your child will be given a Spelling Homework Book with the words they are to learn and practise each week. Please help your child to learn their spellings. They will be tested on Monday morning each week. Maths homework will focus on your child learning their times tables for immediate recall as part of our Astro Challenge. Your child will have their own login details for TT Rockstars which will be sent home with them tomorrow. They will need to login to the website and practise the tables that have been set for them. Your child will also have a piece of topic homework to complete in the weeks straddling the half term break.

Reading Books are to be brought to school every day. Please make sure you read regularly with your child at home and sign their journal. This really does make a huge difference to the progress they make. Your child will be awarded house points when they read at home.