

Year One 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.

Our PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Please can we ask that all items of your child's uniform are named so that we can help children find any misplaced items.

English

We will be:

- Enjoying listening to a variety of stories linked to our African Adventure.
- Continuing to work on our Phase 5 phonics 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 for 10.
- Finding addition and subtraction facts for 20.
- Learning to recognise numbers to 50 and understand their place value.
- Using different resources to build numbers to 50.
- Practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

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 and our computing skills to create our own animals.

In P.E. we will continue to develop our skills playing games leading to netball and using our balance and co-ordination in gymnastics. In RE we will be learning about what makes places sacred.

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

Home learning tasks will be set for the half term. The children can choose which 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.

The children all have a reading book to read at home with you. Please try to read with your child several times a week. This can be recorded in the home reading record book where you can make comments about your child's reading as appropriate.

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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