

English

We will begin with **calligram** poems, focusing on African animals. Then we are moving on to traditional African tales, in particular, **Tinga Tinga Tales – Why Elephant has a Trunk**. The children then use this as inspiration to write their own traditional African tale. Finally, we will examine non-chronological reports, writing animal fact files.

Maths

At the beginning of the half term we will be learning about **money**, how to make different amounts, giving change and solving problems. We will then move on to focus on **multiplication and division**, using arrays to support our understanding. There will be a focus on the **2, 5 and 10** times tables and being able to divide by these numbers.

Science

In Science we will be learning about the **basic needs** of animals, including humans, and **life cycles**. We will also investigate why exercise is so important for staying healthy.

RE

We will be starting our new topic '**Books**', where we will be learning all about the Bible and why different kinds of books are used during mass. We will then move on to our '**Thanksgiving**' topic towards the end of the half term.

Computing

The children will be using the iPads to create a **fact file** about an African animal. They will learn how to use '**Pages**' to type their own text.

Art

We will design and create an **African mask** which includes symmetry, shape and patterns.

Design and Technology

We will be turning a scene of the African Savannah into a **moving picture** by making a mechanism. We will design a background for this and then evaluate our finished product.

Music

Our Charanga unit this half term is '**I wanna play in a band**'. This unit focuses on classic rock songs. We also have a professional **African drumming workshop** at the beginning of this topic.

PE

For PE this half term we will be doing **Mat Ball** and **Football**.

Year 2 – Spring 1



African Adventure

Geography

In Geography we will touch upon the **7 continents** of the world using maps/atlas to explore. We will spend some time learning about the similarities and differences between England and Kenya and its human and physical features.