

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.

Year 2 – Spring 1



African Adventure

Geography

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

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 **Tag Rugby**.