

Year 2 Overview

Let's go on Safari!



English

Our key text this half term is Mama Panya's Pancakes. Children will develop their knowledge of the text and language features using drama. We will concentrate on developing grammatically accurate sentences using varied punctuation. We will build our writing skills to produce setting descriptions and instructional writing.

Maths

Children will begin the year learning about our money system: counting pounds and pence, making amounts and giving change. We will then move on to learning about multiplication and division. We use images to explore what these calculations are and how we can best solve them.

Geography

Children will begin by revising their knowledge of continents and ocean. We will then go on safari in Kenya, learning about the climate, landscape, animals, people and ways of life. They will compare living in Kenya with living in the UK.

Science

Our first topic this half term in science is Plants. We will learn about what plants need to grow healthily and we will carry out investigations to test this. We will then learn about living things and their habitats. We will develop our understanding of different habitats and how animals are adapted to live in them. We will also learn about food chains within different habitats.

PSHE

In PSHE children will be thinking about how we can keep healthy with what we eat and our personal hygiene. Children will learn why it is important to have a balanced diet, and a balance of exercise and relaxation and sleep. Children will talk lots about good oral hygiene and other ways we can keep our bodies clean and healthy!

RE

Children will recognise that different people have different beliefs about God's form and appearance. They will explain how art can be used to express feelings towards God. We will be learning about how Christian, Muslim and Hindu people refer to God and the similarities/differences.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is 'Algorithms and debugging'

Children will build on previous learning and recall what algorithms are. They will use devices to decompose algorithms, create algorithms for a purpose and by following precise and unambiguous instructions, they will also create and debug simple programs

PE

This half term we will be completing a unit of gymnastics. Children will develop their skills when performing gymnastic shapes and balances, and linking these into simple sequences.

Art and Design and Technology

Painting and Mixed Media:Life in Colour

Children will continue to develop their knowledge of primary and secondary colours, colour mixing and creating texture using different tools. They will explore collage skills and how to combine materials to create different effects.

Music

Our music this half term is based on the song 'In the Grove'. Children will experience this song being sung in six different music styles and for each style we will compare the tempo and the rhythms. Children will listen and appraise music as well as getting the opportunity to respond using instruments.