

# Willow Class Newsletter



## Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a busy and exciting term planned exploring our theme – What is it like in Kenya? Below is an overview of the learning for the first half of the Spring Term.

**English:** Currently we are learning how to write letters so that we can write to the Highways Agency about making the roads by school safer. We will also be looking at poetry this term and a new book linked to our themed learning.

**Phonics:** Daily phonics sessions will focus on phonemes, diagraphs, tricky words, alternative pronunciation, segmenting and blending. Year 2 will continue to build their understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar during these sessions.

**Reading:** Your child will be given a reading book to read in school and at home. To support your child with their reading we ask that you listen to them read 2-3 pages daily. In addition to this your child will be able to choose a library book on Mondays. Within school your child also participates in a weekly guided reading session to support their reading comprehension.

**Spellings:** During the school day the children will have time to practise their spellings. In addition to this we will be sending home weekly spellings to allow the children to continue their learning outside the classroom. The children will be given their spellings on a Monday and tested the following Monday.



**Maths:** So far this term we have looked at length and height and now we are learning about capacity. When weighing Year 1s are thinking about using terms like full and half full and Year 2s are beginning to use and read weights in litres and millilitres. Next we will be looking at shape.

**Science:** This term in Science the children will be scientifically exploring everyday materials. We will be thinking about how different materials can be used and why they are used focussing on their properties.



### Topic work and other subjects:

Geography: Kenya – Similarities and differences to the UK

Computing: PowerPoint

RE: How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?

PSHE: Going for Goals with Mrs Hurst on a Tuesday

Art/D&T: Animals from Africa

Music: Carnival of the Animals

PE: Children will have PE on Tuesday, please ensure kit is in school. In addition to this we do 30 minutes of LEAP a day.

**Homework:** Homework this term will be set on a Wednesday and due the following Monday.

Homework tasks will either be a written task, a maths task or a project relating to a topic.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter. Please speak to or email a member of the teaching team if you have any questions or would like to talk through any concerns. Miss Kirkland, Mrs Reeve and Mrs Hurst.

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