



Welcome to Year 2



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Welcome to Year 2!

The whole team are very excited to be working in Year 2 again this term. This half term, we will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to work as a class team and understand how to recognise and communicate their feelings. Our topic is 'Kenya' and we have got lots of things to look forward to, especially in the lead up to Christmas. If at anytime you need to speak to us, we will be available in the playground after school or you can use our emails as listed above.

PE Days: Monday & Thursday

Please ensure your child **comes to school dressed for outdoor PE on the correct day**. Please make sure they are wearing layers and have a coat in colder weather. Remember, your child should be wearing their school jumper.

Homework

This term we will be focusing on children reading at home as much as possible. The expectation is that the children read their books every evening.

In maths, we will be working on addition and subtraction.

Reading at home:

We love reading at St Andrew's and it is really important that the children read at home as much as possible. You can note anything that you read at home in your child's reading record. We will be building in the opportunity to take sharing books from the library home too.

Reminders & Considerations

Please remember that lessons start at 8:45 and pick up time is 3:10pm.



Would you like to live in Kenya?



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Term **Autumn 2**

Subject Focus: **Geography**

Theme: **Kenya**

Some special events this term:

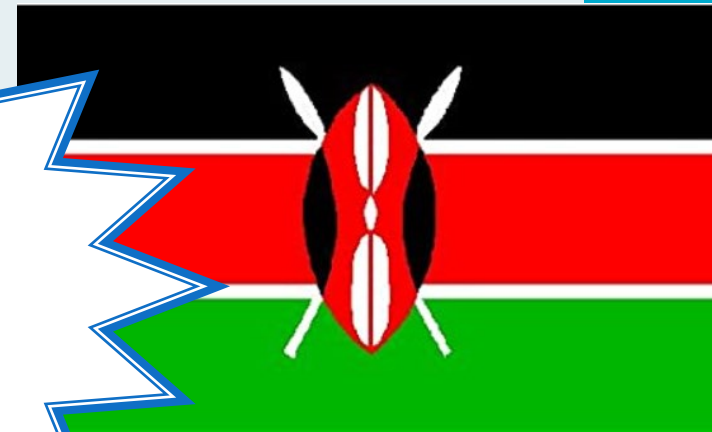
Stunning Start: Virtual trip to Kenya

Motivating Middle: Habitat hunt

Explosive End: Sharing work we have done

Special Moments:

We will be going to the park to hunt for minibeasts and explore different animal habitats.



The values we are practising this term are:

Unity, Thankfulness and Humility

Our School community:

Remembrance Day

Anti-Bullying Week

20th Nov. Universal Children's Day

St Andrew's Day

Advent (Craft Day)

high aspirations
talent expectations
knowledge

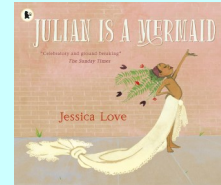
skills
curriculum
positive role model
community
children
heritage

enthusiasm
outstanding progress
friendly purpose

relevant cultural experience
curiosity love of learning
love of literature range

English

Key Text: Julian Is A Mermaid
by Jessica Love and Inside Africa
By Chris Oxlade



Purpose for Writing: Journey Stories and Instructions.

Writing: The children will be using a story called 'The Lonely Beast' which is a journey story. They will be writing their own tales based on the same structure. This links with our habitats work in science and our previous topic 'Around The World'. We will also be writing instructions based on the story Julian Is A Mermaid.

Grammar: Each teacher will be reactive to the children's needs, using the Cold Write. However, these units lend themselves to the teaching of adjectives, similes and prepositions, as well as the structure of a non-fiction text.

Word Reading / Comprehension: The children will be taught a range of strategies of how to work out the meaning of unknown words. The children will also be working on the skills of inference and retrieval.

Geography

Focus: Kenya

The children will build on their skills from our 'Around The World' topic with a focus on Kenya. The children will learn about the similarities and differences between living in Kettering and living in a Kenyan village. We will be using globes and photographs, as well as creating our own maps.

Art

Focus: Painting and Collage

The children will learn about the collage artist Megan Coyle. We will learn skills including: painting using tint and shade, applying dry mediums on top of paint and using collage to create texture.

PSHE & Relationships Education

Focus: Valuing Difference

Children will develop a good understanding of what it means to be kind and help others and recognise the importance of, and develop listening skills.

Role Models for this half term:

Winston Churchill

Steve Redgrave

Kenya

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Computing

Focus: Word Processing

The children will learn about touch typing and staying safe online.

PE

Focus: Dance

The children will be working on coordination and balancing.

Music

Focus: Ho, Ho, Ho:

Festivals and Christmas

Maths

Key Facts Y2: Number bonds to 100 - multiples of 10 · Number bonds to 100 - multiples of 5.

Addition and Subtraction: The children will be learning about fact families to 20 and 100. They will be able to add and subtract 10 from a given number and then add a subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers using a number line.

Multiplication and Division: The children will use pictures and stories to explore equal groups. They will then focus on adding equal groups with a focus on 2, 5 and 10. The children will then move onto using arrays for multiplication.

(Please see our Calculation Progression document on our website for operation strategies.)

Science

Biology: Living things and their habitats.

Building on our knowledge of animals, the children will be learning about different habitats and how they provide everything needed for an animal to live. We will also be exploring food chains and how living things rely on each other to survive.

Working Scientifically:

The children will learn to use simple scientific equipment and be able to use their observational skills in our forest school session. They will be able to identify and classify and be able to communicate their findings in a range of ways.

RE

Focus: Christianity

Why does Christmas matter?