



Year Two Spring Term 1

Amazing Africa



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you had a good break and we would all like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

The children are very refreshed and enthusiastic about their learning this term. Our topic this term is called 'Amazing Africa.' The children will be learning about how to locate Africa and the other continents, the difference between our climate and the climate in Africa. We will also look at what it would be like to live in Africa and the wildlife they would encounter. The children will be learning an African dance and African drumming. We would love you to come and see what the children have been learning in a celebration of their learning on **Wednesday 13th February 2.30pm.** Our story that we will be learning is called 'The Mango that spoke,' the children will be learning this in the next couple of weeks, please help them to practise this at home.

We also welcome Mr Dickson to Beech class for the next few weeks. He is currently training with the University of Northampton. Thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated by us all.

Ruth Tuck and Nicole Afonso

The **geographical** focus of this topic is learning the continents and the oceans of the world and the hot and cold and places of the world linked to the location of the equator.

The children will be **scientists**, learning about the habitats of different animals and how they are suited to them. They will be learning about the life cycle of a plant and the best conditions for growth. The children will be grouping animals into reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish and birds.

The children will be **designers**, researching African patterns and fabric designs and using these to design and make their own bandana.

They will be **mathematicians**, by practising their 2, 5 and 10 x table. They will be solving mathematical problems using multiplication and division, learning that multiplication can be done in either order and dividing as grouping and sharing.



Practise your learning by...



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| <p>Can you write some word problems that use division and multiplication? E.g. Sarah has 6 cakes, she shares them between her 3 friends. How many does each friend get?</p> | <p>Practise threading a needle and joining two pieces of fabric together using a basic running stitch.</p> | <p>Use the computer to type a fact sheet about an African animal. Use the internet to research facts and then use different tools in the typing program like changing font style and size.</p> | <p>Make up games using equipment such as balls, bats and skipping ropes and write rules and instructions for how to play the game.</p> |
| <p>Play card games together like snap or pairs. They could then write the rules and instructions for the game.</p> | <p>Learn a story to retell from memory and add actions and clear expression when you are retelling it.</p> | <p>Create sequences of body percussion movements, including clapping, stamping, tapping and jumping.</p> | <p>Use the information at http://ngkids.co.uk/places/country-fact-file-kenya to research facts about Kenya online.</p> |
| <p>Learn how to spell the names of African animals from memory. Write them using correct letter formation and words sitting on the line.</p> | <p>Can you measure the temperature over a couple of days and plot this information onto a graph?</p> | <p>Make your own board game to practise learning your times tables.</p> | <p>Play the world map games at http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/World_Continents.htm to reinforce your child's knowledge of continents and oceans.</p> |

Continue to use the activities on www.purplemash.com at home using their login from the front of their homework book. There are lots of different Africa themed activities to have a try at!

Remember to read regularly and bring your signed reading record into school to earn a sticker! Complete the reading challenges too and earn a certificate for each 5 completed and a prize if you can do all 15!