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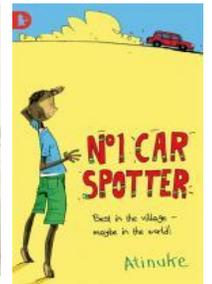
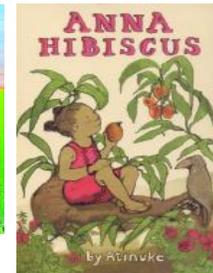
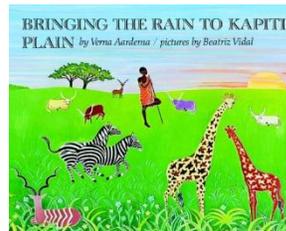
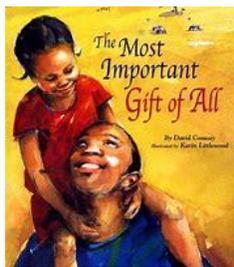
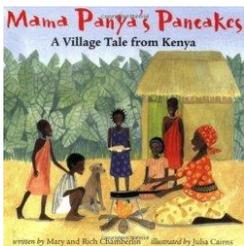
Dear Parents,

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! This term is going to be jam packed full of performances, workshops and lots of fun lessons.

Our main topic this term is **AFRICA**

Our main focus will be learning about Kenya through geography and art. We will be finding out what life is like there, what human and physical features there are and how life in Kenya is similar or different to ours in London. We will also be creating some beautiful paintings and prints inspired by African textiles. Our key text this term is *Lila and the Secret of Rain* and we will be slowly unfolding the story throughout the term. In story time we will also look at stories and information about other African countries such as South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria. There are some fantastic stories that you may like to enjoy at home too.



Targets:

As we are preparing the children for SATS, the expectations are that all children reach an expected level for the year. These are the expectations for English:

Grammar and writing:

- I will write a story with a beginning, middle and end.
- I will write over an A4 page.
- I can talk about the meaning of verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs.
- I will use ambitious words to describe and expand nouns.
- I will use a question mark and an exclamation mark.
- I will use a comma in a list.
- I will spell compound words, e.g. keyboard, weekday
- I will start sentences using an adverb ending in *-ly*, or a verb ending in *-ing*.
- I will start stories with time openers like *After, Next, Later, While, As* to ensure that my stories flow.
- I will use the connectives: *but, so, when, because, if, or, that*
- I will use small, neat, joined up handwriting. I will spell the Year 2 words and spell phonically decodable words correctly.



Reading:

I will be able to find answers in the text by scanning the text.

I will be able to infer what will happen in a story.

I will be able to read with a clear voice.

I will be able to ask questions about the meaning of words.

I will discuss what I like and dislike about a story.

I will re-tell the story.

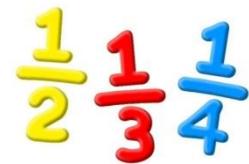
I can infer what is happening in a story by thinking about what I have already read.



Maths- See below for the expectations for Maths this term:

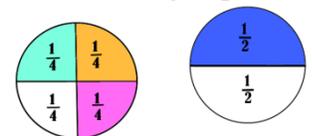
Fractions:

- Make equal parts
- Recognise a half
- Find a half
- Recognise a quarter
- Find a quarter
- Recognise a third
- Find a third
- Unit fractions
- Non-unit fractions
- Equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$
- Find three quarters
- Count in fractions



Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity.

Write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$



Time:

- O'clock and half past
- Quarter past and quarter to
- Telling time to 5 minutes
- Hours and days
- Find durations of time
- Compare durations of time



Tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. Know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.

Compare and sequence intervals of time.

METHODS MONDAY: Every Monday we will be revising one of the four main methods (+/- x/÷) so please continue to work on these at home too.

PE- We will be having PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. As it is 'Oranges and Lemons' this term, our PE session may change week to week so that we are able to work on our dance or fit in more rehearsals. Please ensure that a full PE kit is in school at all times. Please make sure all uniform and PE kit is labelled.

Punctuality and Attendance - Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

Oranges and Lemons- Theme: *The 100 Year Anniversary*

Each class has been allocated a period of time in the last 100 years to base their performance on. Year 2 will be celebrating the 1970s and 1980s. We will be focusing our attention on the classic films of the era. We will include segments on Jaws, Star Wars, Saturday Night Fever, Ghostbusters, Fame and we have already been working on our Time Warp moves! If you have any costumes that we could borrow especially for Star Wars or Ghostbusters please let us know. Another letter will be going out once I have choreographed the performance and worked out the parts so that you know what your child will need to wear.

Thank you for all your support, I look forward to another great term with our Year 2 family.

Best Wishes

Miss L Pike ☺
Year 2 Class Teacher

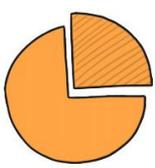
Key Vocabulary for Term 4

Maths:

Fractions

equal fraction

half



share

quarter whole

Measurement Time



analogue clock digital clock analogue watch

timer day quarter past

always second sequence fortnight

week once yesterday hands hour

sometimes weekend twice minute

usually o'clock tomorrow never

quarter to today often year

digital watch half past

Geography:

Key Words



Africa continent country capital city

Kenya weather and climate Nairobi Indian Ocean

flag equator atlas

river

mountain

hills

forest

savannah

beach

city

countryside

town

human feature

physical feature

