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Monday, 27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you all had a fun and restful week over half term – that sunshine was an added bonus! We have a brand-new topic this term and we are really excited to get started!

Our topic for term 4 is Africa. This is a topic has a geography focus, which will allow the children to explore a new continent and compare it to the UK and their own lives. Throughout the topic, we will be looking at different aspects of Africa including climate, population as well as some cultural elements.

In English, we are starting the term looking at look at African folktales before creating out own tale. We will then learn about Nelson Mandela through the texts, 'Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom' and 'Little People, Big Dreams Nelson Mandela'. We will be thinking about why he is a significant figure for people both in South Africa and across the world. We will be focusing on his release from prison and writing this as a newspaper report. On a Monday with Mrs Bedford, we will be focusing on Narrative Poetry, and using this text to develop our GPS skills, with a particular focus on writing questions, apostrophes, commas, and prefixes and suffixes.

In our Guided Reading we are starting the term by reading 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. This will be our first whole class reading lessons and each day we will read a section of the text and respond to it through a mix of discussions and written responses.

In maths we are continuing to solidify our 2,3,4,5 and 8s facts daily. We will start the term by looking at using formal methods such as the column method to work out calculations involving 1 and 2 digit numbers. Later in the term, we will move onto Measurement, specifically length and perimeter.

For science this term we start off the term by completing our 'Animals including Humans' unit, by learning about muscles and carrying out an investigation about this. We will then move on to learning about plants. For plants we will focus on: functions of different parts of flowering plants, what plants need to survive & grow, how water is transported within plants and the life cycle of flowering plants (including pollination, seed formation & dispersal). This will include an investigation on growing our own plants.

Our Art this term follows our topic and will be taught by Mrs Mannering. We will be learning about the process of Batik and having a go at creating our own.

We continue to have PE on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be focussing on Invasion games and end the unit by creating our own game based on the skills and elements learnt over the term.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on exploring different aspects of our identity. We will identify our own strengths, how we can help others and how our behaviour and actions affect other people.

We continue to alternate Music and French lessons over the term. In Music we will continue to use Charanga to guide our learning, and in French we will have a few focus lessons about Easter but will continue to learn how to say and respond to classroom instructional phrases.

In RE will learn about Judaism by considering the question, 'How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jews?'

In Computing we will learn how to use Book Creator. Our end goal is to create a book based on an African Folk Tale.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays to be completed by the following Wednesday. It will usually be an online MyMaths task or TTRS, key words to learn for the week and an activity based on a lesson or topic. All homework will be set on Seesaw and can be completed and handed in on there too. Please do let us know if you have any problems with Seesaw and need paper copies of homework.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kerry Bedford and Mrs Sarah Sakaki

Year Three Class Teachers

Mrs Mannering and Miss Billington

Year Three Support Staff