

Kenya Class

Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely break. We have a very exciting term ahead of us, with lots of wonderful topics which I'm sure the children will love learning about. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to message and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. When teaching it can be difficult to respond to messages so it is likely I may not reply until breaktimes or after school.

Miss Morey

Literacy	Maths	Science	Geography/History
We will begin the term with writing non-chronological reports. Shortly after this, we are going to be writing invitations. We will be seeing what features the children have remembered since we wrote some in the Autumn term!	We will continue to follow the school's Maths Mastery Programme starting with time before moving onto fractions. The children will be starting to complete TT Rockstars daily in school. This will be the 2, 5 and 10 times tables only.	In science, the children will be further developing their learning of animals and humans. We have been learning about the human life cycle and how we change as we get older.	In history we are going to be finishing our Great Fire of London topic and going on to learn about the history of Haverhill. This is an exciting topic which I'm sure the children are going to love. In geography, we are applying our learning from last term about human and physical features to a comparison study of London and Nairobi.

Other Curriculum subjects

Our wider curriculum subjects include computing, art, design and technology, religious education and music. We have lots of exciting activities planned for each of these subjects this term, including: painting, singing and learning about Judaism.

PSHE & PE

PSHE and the emotional wellbeing of pupils will continue to be at the forefront of our curriculum. This term, Kenya class will continue to have PE on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Please send your children into school wearing their PE kits on a Tuesday morning. Your children will then be sent home wearing their PE kits, to allow you to also send them to school wearing them on a Wednesday. By the children coming to school in their PE kits, this allows us to maximise the amount of PE they are accessing, as this removes the time required for the children to change.

Home learning

Home learning is uploaded to Showbie every Friday. This consists of a maths task, TTRS and a spelling/phonics task at least. **Please ensure you are completing the activities provided as it is a valuable opportunity to consolidate what we have been learning about in school.** Please make a note on Showbie to let me know you have completed the work/upload your child's learning. Please encourage your child to play TT Rockstars regularly.

Reading and Phonics

We will be continuing with our twice weekly whole-class reading lessons. Here the children are exposed to a wide variety of texts (many of which are also on the suggested reading list). The children are also exposed to comprehension questions in a variety of styles

Whole class phonics lessons will take place daily. The children's progress in phonics during the autumn term was fantastic, therefore we will be keeping up the pace and learning more alternative spellings for various phonemes.

Please aim to listen to your children read daily. This does not always have to be their school book but can be any texts around you. We aim to change their books weekly on a Tuesday. **Please ensure they have their books in school every day.** When listening to your children read, please ensure you also ask them questions about the text to develop their comprehension skills. **Please write in your child's orange home reading record when you have read with them.** We do look at this at school and your comments are so important!

Belongings

As many of you are aware, lots of children are frequently losing their belongings. Please ensure all belongings are clearly named. If your child has not found their belonging in the classroom, you are welcome to go to lost property (through the double doors to the hall) to check at pick-up each day.