

2TH Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2026

Whole school topic: Diversity

Class topic: Africa!

Handwriting

This half term, we will continue to practice our individual letter and number formation and ensure that these are formed correctly, from the correct starting point.

Geography

We will learn about the characteristics of Africa and find similarities and differences between Africa and the UK.

We will study Kenya and compare here to the UK.

We will explore the daily life of a child living in London versus a child living in Kenya and will also look at some animals from Kenya.

Computing

In Computing, our unit is Digital Photography. We will be able to:

- Use a digital device to take a photographs
- Make choices when taking a photograph
- Describe what makes an effective photograph
- Describe how a photo can be improved
- Use tools to change an image
- Recognise that photos can be changed.

Home Learning

Please listen to your child read 5 times a week at home, making sure Reading Records are completed and returned to school daily. Reading books will be changed weekly and once your child has read the book two or three times. Spellings for the half term will be stuck in Homework Diaries, to be tested on a Monday morning.



Mrs Howell and Mrs Thornley

Dear parents and carers,

We hope this leaflet is useful in showing you what your children will be learning in school, and the activities you could do at home to support their learning. Our class topic this half term is 'Africa', so most learning will relate to this. The whole school topic this half term is 'Diversity' so we will also be exploring differences and how to embrace and respect these. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs Howell and Mrs Thornley 😊

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>This half term, we will be focusing on texts linked to our 'Africa' topic, including Handa's Surprise.</p> <p>We will be developing our writing skills, such as punctuation, conjunctions and vocabulary, before using these skills in our own independent writing.</p> <p>We will also be able to identify the features of a non-chronological report which will help us to then write our own linked to our Africa topic!</p>	<p>In Maths, our main focus will be Measurement!</p> <p>We will measure, compare and order different lengths and heights.</p> <p>We will also begin to understand weight and mass, before measuring and comparing mass.</p> <p>Finally, we will measure and compare capacities and volumes, in lots of practical ways!</p>

<u>PE</u>	<u>Art</u>										
<p>Our focuses this half term are dance and ball skills! We will learn an African dance in our indoor PE lessons. Our outdoor PE lessons are focussed on striking and fielding skills.</p> <p>Please make sure that your child always has a full, named PE kit in school, including clothing and trainers suitable for the outdoors.</p>	<p>In Art, we will be learning all about Tingatinga African Painting. We will paint using thick and thin brushes, as well as learning about primary and secondary colours.</p>										
<p><u>Reading Books</u></p> <p>Miss Marshall will now change the Year 2 reading books. She will be changing one group per day.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Monday</th><th>Tuesday</th><th>Wednesday</th><th>Thursday</th><th>Friday</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Mrs Thornley/Mrs Howell's group</td><td>Mrs Collins' group</td><td>Mrs Pearce's group</td><td>Miss Beresford's group</td><td>Check for 5 reads at home per week</td></tr></tbody></table>		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Mrs Thornley/Mrs Howell's group	Mrs Collins' group	Mrs Pearce's group	Miss Beresford's group	Check for 5 reads at home per week
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<p>Thank you for your kind contributions of £5 Topic money each half term.</p> <p>It is a huge help 😊</p>											