

English



Our stimulus for this half term are:

- "The Rhythm of the Rain" Grahame Baker-Smith
- "Home" Carson Ellis
- "Meerkat Mail" Emily Gravett
- "Handa's Surprise" Eileen Browne

All of our texts this term have a focus on Africa. We will use them as inspiration to support descriptive writing, explore the use of adjectives to create adverts, to write postcards home from far away places and to write alternative endings to stories.

We will continue to develop our knowledge of phonics to support our reading and writing. We will have lots of opportunities to practice our oracy skills through drama and practical conversations and discussion.

DT

This half term we will focus on using textiles to make Kenya animal puppets. They will be taught how to measure, cut and join fabric pieces together using simple stitching and gluing techniques. Children will evaluate their design and think about how to decorate the puppet using different materials and techniques.



Mathematics



We will begin by looking at subtracting within 20. We will focus on using our number bonds to 10 to support solving problems. We will be using maths resources such as number lines, Numicon, part-part whole models, 10 frames and many other practical equipment. Then we will focus on place value to 50 in which we will deepen our understanding on tens and ones. We will then look at measuring length and height and mass and volume.

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My World and Me
Why are things different?



Trips and Experiences

Kenya Day on **Monday 7th April 2025**. Please wear the colours of the Kenyan flag (red, green and black)!

Community

What communities do you belong to?

Pride

What makes you feel proud about your community?

Comparison

Is the whole world the same?

Resilience

How do I overcome a failure?

Physical Education



Our P.E sessions will take place on Thursday and Friday. We will use and apply simple strategies for invasion games and we will explain the reasons why we enjoy exercise. We will also be controlling our breathing and muscle stretches as we practise yoga.

PSHE



We will be looking at celebrating our different strengths in and out of school. We will then look at different jobs people have in the community. This will lead us to focus on what strengths and interests' people might need to have for different jobs and what people might spend their money on.

RE



This half term we will be exploring what the Bible is and who the key people are. This will lead us to the Easter story where we will focus on how Christians celebrate Easter.

Music



The children will have opportunities to explore vocal and instrumental timbre, structure and rhyme, dynamics, and pitch as we learn the song 'The King is in the Castle' by Sue Nicholls

Computing



In our Computing lessons we will focus on coding. This will involve following instructions, using algorithms to navigate each other around a space. We will eventually get to programme our Beebots to follow paths.

Geography



During this half term, children will understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of our local area and Mbita Kenya. We will focus on comparing and discussing the difference between Regent Farm First School and Mercy Primary in Mbita, Kenya.

Science



In Science this half term we will focus on identifying and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles and mammals. We will then identify and name common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also be describing and comparing the structure of a variety of common animals.