

Spring two in Year 1

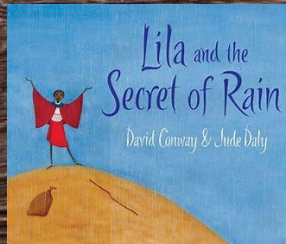


English

In **English**, we will be delving into the world of Kenya and its vibrant culture to support our new class story:

Lila and the Secret of Rain. We will be learning how to explore characters' emotions in pictures and text, and how we can empathize with characters from different backgrounds. The big picture for Spring 2 is to write a diary entry, and so we will be learning about different genres of text to fully understand the features of a diary and then write some in class. We have begun a new scheme for English in which we will focus more on **the writing process** and this will hopefully support our writing overall.

We are reading...



Maths

In Mathematics, we are focusing on the next block of Place Value. Firstly, we will be ensuring we know all the numbers to 50. We will then move on to adding and subtracting numbers up to 50. We will deepen our understanding of larger numbers by using visual and practical resources to ensure we are secure in this.

Then, we will move on to length and height. We will be measuring in mm, cm with a ruler and again using visual and practical sessions. We will finish on mass and volume, measuring in ml.

Science

In Science, Year 1 are embarking on a fascinating journey into the world of plants. Plants are incredible living organisms that surround us and play a vital role in our everyday lives. Through engaging activities and a chance to grow their own plant, we will delve into the secrets of plants, learning about their structure, growth and importance to our environment. They will observe how plants grow and develop to gain a deeper understanding of the process of plant growth.

Key Information

- Books will be changed every **Monday**. Please read with your child every day and write it in their reading record.
- Spelling tests will be on **Wednesdays**, and **books will no longer be sent home**. Instead, children will be given sheets to take home and practice on which can then be kept at home. This saves the stress of remembering to bring a book in weekly and should hopefully encourage all children to practice at home, when they can.
- PE is on **Wednesdays**.

History/Geog

This term, we are focusing on Geography. Over the coming weeks, our young explorers will delve into the fascinating realms of continents and oceans, gaining a deeper understanding of our world's diverse landscapes and bodies of water. Your child will discover the seven continents of the world: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, and Antarctica. From the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean to the icy waters of the Southern Ocean, your child will learn about the five oceans that cover our planet: the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic Oceans.



Art/DT

Art- We will be looking at food with Mrs Kaur.

This terms topic is about making your mark. The children will be exploring how making lines, circles, swirls and other marks on the paper can be used to express themselves.

The end product will be a final piece that is drawn from observations over time, and will be a chance for children to develop their Creativity.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Celebrations with Mrs Kaur

Throughout the term, our class will have the opportunity to discover and learn about various celebrations from different cultures and religions, fostering an understanding of diversity, respect, and cultural awareness. Through engaging lessons and activities, your child will learn about the diverse range of celebrations that take place around the world. From religious festivals to cultural traditions, they will explore the customs, rituals, and significance of different celebrations, gaining a deeper appreciation for the richness of human culture.

Phonics

We have had a fantastic start to the Spring terms with our new phonics scheme. The children will learn lots of new graphemes from phase 5, and then begin to look at alternate sounds made by these graphemes. There will be some workshops held at school for any parents wanting some support in this.

Computing

We are going to explore the concept of sequencing in programming through Scratch. We will begin with an introduction to Scratch, using the blocks, changing characters etc. We will select motion, sound and event blocks, which we will use to create our own programs' featuring sequences.

PHSE/Music

In PSHE, will be focusing on citizenship. Learning about the importance of rules and consequences of not following them; caring for the needs of babies, young children and animals, and exploring our similarities and differences and an introduction to democracy

In Music, we are continuing and composition of music using our bodies and using the glockenspiels.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday. The children can come to school on Wednesdays in their PE kit.

This term, we will have the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of gymnastics, developing fundamental movement skills, coordination, and confidence through fun and engaging activities. They will be introduced to a variety of basic gymnastics skills, including balances, rolls, jumps, and movements on apparatus such as mats, beams, and bars. Through weekly lessons and progressive activities, they will build strength, flexibility, and body awareness while developing their gymnastics abilities.