



## Welcome to Year 2! What a Wonderful World



The activities in this Newsletter will support your child's learning through the week so doing them at home with your children is a fabulous way to further their learning. We try to make them as fun and as home friendly as possible so give them a go! Send in anything you do through Dojo so we can see all of the amazing learning going on at home!

### Spellings

Starting from next week, the children will be having a spelling quiz on Fridays. We will let you know the words that will be in the quiz each week so that they can be **practised at home**. The words in each quiz are selected as they are either frequently used and incorrectly spelt words, common exception words and/or words that we will most likely use in our writing next week.

**This week's spelling quiz words:**  
where, there, here, were, they

**When practising at home**, start off by letting your child see the word and copy it up. Then see your child can cover the word up and spell it correctly from memory. Keep practising till they are confident and accurate. **Make practising these words memorable** by writing with and on different materials, or against the clock. Get the stopwatch up on your phone, how many times can they write one of the words in a minute? Can they write the chosen word more times in a minute than you can?

If the quiz highlights there is still a word or two your child is finding problematic, we will support them with learning and memorising them during what is left of the week.

### PE

We have two PE sessions:

**Turquoise – Monday (Indoor) & Tuesday (Outdoor)**

**Indigo – Tuesday (Outdoor) & Thursday (Indoor)**

**Amber – Monday (Indoor) & Thursday (Outdoor)**

This term the children will be having lessons in Fundamentals (Indoor) and Target Games (Outdoor).

Please make sure your children have appropriate outdoor shoes and appropriate clothing to wear.

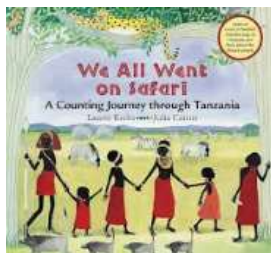


**What we will be doing in school**

**How you can help at home**

## English –

This week in English we will be taking a trip to our first continent – Africa! The children will be reading and learning the story of ‘We all went on Safari’.



They will be looking at and describing the animals found in the book and writing words to describe them. Towards the end of the week, we are going to ‘go’ on our very own safari using our imagination, and write about what we saw on our journey.

## African Animals Word Mat

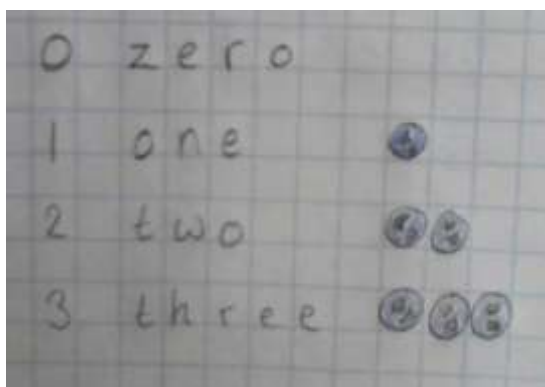


Play your own animal description guess who! For example, ‘I am thinking of an animal that’s fast, has a long tail, spotty fur and sharp teeth!’. This is a fun way to get children to start thinking about and using adjectives!

Challenge – write your clues down and bring them in for the other children to have a guess in class!

## Maths – Numbers and their Names

We’ll be getting the children used to the squared paper they’ll be using a lot of this year and generally getting back into the swing of things, by getting the children to write the numbers between 0 and 20, as numerals, followed by that number’s name and draw that number of (simplified) globes.



Can your child spell the names of numbers between 0 and 20?

Eight and eighteen are often ones to watch for as are four and fourteen.

Have a practise with them and see how many they get.

## Science

### Unit of Learning – Super Scientists

In Science this week, the children will be becoming super scientists!



They will be taking on an experiment about hand washing to see what the most effective way to wash their hands is, making their own predictions and conclusions based on their findings.

You can remind your children to continue to remove as many germs as possible by washing their hands thoroughly! Click on the link below and watch with your child to help them to remember how to wash hands properly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>



## Geography

In geography this week, we will be ensuring we can name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. For this unit of geography we will be focussing on Kenya so, in the second part of this lesson, the children will be locating Kenya on a map. We will then discuss its position in relation to the UK and what the best way to travel there would be.

Grab a map of our wonderful world! Can your child identify the 7 continents? Can they identify the 5 oceans?



Work on their map skills. Show them a map of a continent with countries clearly shown. Can they find countries on the map? EG. Can you find France on this map of Europe? Can you find Egypt on this map of Africa?

## Computing

In their first computing lesson of the year, the children will be introduced to what IT is – Information Technology. They will identify devices that are computers or have computers in them.



## PSHE

In PHSE, the children will be learning about rights and responsibilities. They will think and discuss how they can be responsible at home and at school.

What responsibilities do your children have at home? Can they think of any that they do that they can share during our lessons this week?



## DT

During this half term, the children will be making a woven dreamcatcher. In our first Dt lesson, we will be looking at and evaluating existing woven products – whether they be dreamcatchers or not.



How many woven objects can you and your child spot in your house and out and about?

Have a great weekend!

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