

## Key Texts

We will be using a range of texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times. These will include

- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown
- For You Are a Kenyan Child by Kelly Cunnane
  - Let's Explore Kenya
- Mr Wolf's Pancake by Jan Fearnley
  - The Easter Story

## Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 5 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds. Lots of the children are blending sounds to read words confidently now so we will be supporting children with instant sound blending in order to develop their fluency. Please continue to send books back on a Wednesday so that a new book can be given on a Friday.

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Music

We will continue to listen to and appraise a piece of music weekly, taken from the Spring 2 Reception Charanga scheme - 'Our World'. As part of our theme we will be learning to copy and create some animal rhythms.

We will also be learning to sing some special songs especially for some of our special people.

### Design

We will be testing, designing, making and evaluating our own nest cakes.



## Literacy

In our 'Talk for Writing' sessions we will be learning the stories 'Handa's Surprise', and 'We're going on an egg hunt'. We will also be learning some poems.

In our WOW writing sessions, children will be continuing to develop and apply their knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation, including capital letters and full stops.

## Understanding the world

We will be continuing to learn about our wonderful world over this half term. For this half of the term we will be looking at warmer places and will find out about what it is like in Africa.

## Seasons

We will be thinking about what happens in the Spring.

## Key Questions

What is it like in Africa?

How is our life similar or different to a child who lives in Kenya?

## Maths

This half term we will be focussing on number bonds in particular those for the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will be learning to count to 20 and beyond by looking at counting patterns. The children will also learn about doubles and odd and even numbers.

## Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on developing fundamental movement skills. We will be learning to develop and apply their ball skills and counter balance with a partner. In gymnastics we will be learning to develop our jumping skills and rotational movements on the low and large apparatus.

## Vocabulary words-

Kenya    World    Africa  
Savanna    Easter

To support children language skills we will be learning 5 **new nursery rhymes** this term.

Hey diddle, 5 little speckle frogs, Mary coqui-  
to contrary, the grand old Duke of York and  
row row row your boat.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing our scheme called 'Taking care'.