

*Lines of Enquiry the children
would like to explore:*

Puffins

How are the Maasai tribe different to us?

How can I connect wheels that will move?

What happens in the Jewish festival of Sukkot?

Kingfishers

How will we make music in Computing?

What will we make our wheeled models out of?

What lives in the Savannah and what is the Savannah?



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Year 2, Summer Term 1

Sensational Safari

**Personal, Social and Emotional
Development**

Our Jigsaw piece this half-term focuses on Relationships. We will be discussing some of the different relationships that we have in our lives, such as friends, family, classmates, and the wider community. We will be discussing the possible causes of conflict in relationships, how they arise and how we can use positive problem solving techniques to resolve them. Our Nurturing principle for this half term is: We all learn in our own way and in our own time.

Literacy

Our book based writing unit this half term will be Elephant by Petr Horacek. In this unit we will learn about writing creative stories and instructions. We will also explore non-fiction texts and create our own non-fiction writing linked to our topic 'Sensational Safari.' Our regular reading, spelling and handwriting sessions will continue as timetabled.

Music

This half term the children will explore structure by learning how to recognise, play and write rhythms with one beats and paired half beats. They will show a rest beat using a silent movement and read and follow a structure from left to right. They will also have opportunities to add rhythms to a structure to create a beginning, middle and end – we will explore these tasks whilst working in small groups and in whole class activities.

Computing

This half term the children will be developing their ability to use iPads to create music. They will listen to a variety of pieces of music and consider how music can make them think and feel. They will compare creating music digitally and non-digitally. They will look at patterns and purposefully create music.

Expressive Arts and Design

D&T

This topic focuses on the features and structure of a working wheel mechanism. Children will be offered a range of materials and equipment to explore and experiment with before constructing their own wheeled model.

Physical Development

This half term, the children focus on dance and striking and fielding games. Children will explore space and how their body can move to express an idea, mood or feeling. They will expand their knowledge of travelling actions and build on their understanding of dynamics and expression. Striking and fielding games are games where there are two teams, a batting team and a fielding team. Examples include cricket and rounders. During this half term the children will develop their understanding of the principles of defending (fielding) and attacking (batting).

Science

Continuing with our themed Science learning, children will research, explore and identify features of a Savannah habitat. Children will learn about the animals and plants found in the Savannah, how they are suited to environment, where they sit in a food chain and about related life cycles.

Geography

The children will use a range of geographical approaches to learn about Kenya, including exploring the Maasai culture and comparing this with their own experiences and life in Solihull. The children will also create maps of their own and use a map to follow a route to a location.

Religious Education

This half term the children will be exploring 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' We will explore the festival of Sukkot, discuss Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah and share the importance of celebrations within our lives.

Maths

In Maths, the children will focus on consolidating learning in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include an emphasis on reasoning and problem solving and securing understanding of related mathematical language. Alongside this we will extend our understanding of time and shape and look at capacity, volume and temperature, including reading a variety of scales and measuring gauges. This half term the focus KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) is multiplication and division facts for the 5 times table.