

Welcome to Dahl class! We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful break. This term the school will be working with 'Explorers Educate' to learn about rhinos that are facing extinction, therefore our topic until Christmas will be 'Africa.' While on first glance you may think this is a heavily geography based topic, there are plenty of other sub topics that enhance different areas of the national curriculum; with that in mind, we plan for it to stretch across our lessons to inspire children to create exciting and interesting work. As ever, we will adjust the lessons to suit the children's interests, so who knows where we will end up!

In Key Stage 2, children come in to school on a Wednesday morning wearing school PE kit ready for their lesson in the afternoon. With this in mind, children attending sports related clubs will need to bring separate clothes on the appropriate days due to kits not being kept in school.

We all have a shared commitment to every child's learning so if we can offer any further support please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Science

**Year 4s-** Children will be studying 'living things and their habitats.'

**Year 3s-** The children will be exploring 'animals, including humans, and their habitats'

## Maths

This term we will be predominantly focussing on place value. The year 3s will be learning about, and applying 3 digit numbers, while the year 4s will be working with 4 digit numbers. A secure understanding of place value enormously benefits the children as it can then be applied to support work with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division later in the year.

Dahl class will also be continuing to build upon their knowledge and understanding of times tables.

## Humanities.

As the topic this term is 'Africa' there are plenty of links to Geography. We will discuss famous countries, cities and landmarks; plotting them on a map so the children can appreciate the vastness of the continent. We will make comparisons; the differences between localities of Africa- the rural areas and crowded cities. We will also look at the traditions of Kenyan tribes and historical events that have influenced the continent and wider world.

## R.E.

This term the children will be working with Mrs Weston to explore what it means to belong to the Jewish faith.

## English

- Fiction and Non- Fiction writing that links to Africa.
- Poetry.
- Weekly guided reading.
- SPAG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

## Computing

This term in computing the children will be starting their work with coding. As ever there will be a focus on E- safety

## Music

The children of Key Stage 2 will be learning the songs from the Lion King musical as well as practising their drumming skills!

## At Home

As ever the relationship between school and home plays an integral part of children's learning and happiness. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that supporting your child with their spellings, reading, number bonds/times tables and homework is invaluable. \*The government requirement is that all year 4 children should be confident up to their 12 times table.

## Art/DT

Over the coming term the children will explore a variety of well-known African artists and use their techniques to create their own masterpieces. The children will examine patterns and printing. They will also design and make African instruments.

## Physical activities.

On Wednesday afternoons the children will be participating in games and dance with our sports coach Mr Giblet.

The year 4s will have Forest School sessions up to half term, with the year 3s taking over until Christmas.