



Class B

Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year 2020 and welcome back! As always there are lots of things to learn about this term as you will see below:

Our main topic this term will be **Amazing Africa**. As many subjects as possible will be incorporated into this topic.

Literacy

We will continue to use the talk for writing approach and strategies to develop our writing skills.



TalkforWriting™

We will be practising the writing process (plan, draft, write, evaluate and edit).



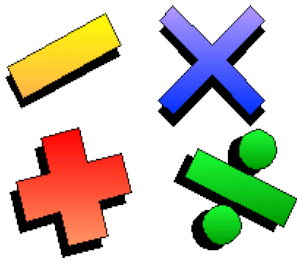
Our writing will cover a variety of genres including plays, explanations and lots of creative writing.

We will study stories from Africa to learn about its culture.

There will also be a short daily grammar and punctuation lesson which will introduce content such as conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. In addition, we will revisit the subjects taught in previous terms.

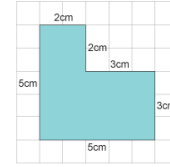
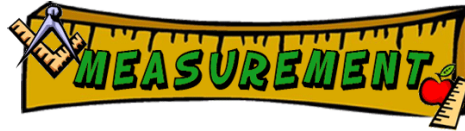
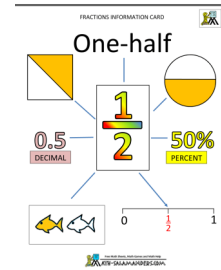
We will continue with Guided Reading in groups with a teacher and also a TA each week and daily spelling practice.

Please help your child to practise their spellings at home using the Look, Cover, Write, Check method and sign the slip to say that they have done this please.



Maths

Our lessons this term will focus on Number: Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Decimals and Measurement: Length, Perimeter and Area, Mass and Capacity.



The children will be taught using the Mastery approach with lots of opportunity to develop their ability to reason and problem-solve as well as practising basic skills.

It is important for children to know their times tables. Please help them to learn them really well.

They can use Times Tables Rock Stars, www.timestables.me.uk or www.timestables.co.uk.

All Year 4 children will be tested by the Government (KS2 Multiplication Check) in June on all the tables to 12x12 on the computer and they will need to know them with fast recall so we need to get ahead now.

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Internet Safety



COMPUTING

The children will learn how to code and about internet safety.



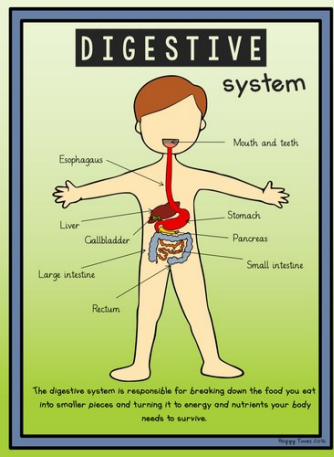
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Our RE work will focus on the religion of Islam.

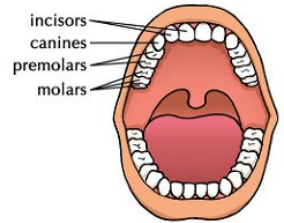
The children will find out about the core beliefs and teachings of Islam and investigate the ways in which Muslims worship.



SCIENCE



In Science lessons, the children will focus on developing their knowledge of the digestive system in humans, different types of teeth and their functions and food chains.



Later in the term, the theme will be Sound.



The children will have the opportunity to work scientifically and carry out experiments.



They will also learn about African animals and their habitats.



PE

Dance will take place with a specialist teacher every Thursday afternoon this term. **Please ensure that your child's full kit is in school at ALL times.**

Swimming will take place every Tuesday morning at Whaley Bridge Pool. Children with long hair should wear a swimming hat and earrings should be removed before the lesson.

The children will be given the wonderful opportunity to visit White Hall Outdoor Centre for a full programme of exciting experiences. They will attend on six full days on Fridays this term (dates have been given out already).

History/Geography Topic

The children will learn to locate countries in the diverse continent of Africa using maps and find out about its contrasting climates, deserts and drought.

We are planning to take the children to visit Chester Zoo later in the term to experience African animals at close hand.



Music



Following on from Djembe drumming in the Autumn term, the children will be learning to play the Samba drums for a further 15 weeks!

They will continue to develop their sense of pulse, explore rhythm and read musical notation.

Art/ Design and Technology



We will explore African patterns and African artists.



We will also design and make African instruments, tribal masks and develop our painting skills.



HOMEWORK



Brain Builder homework will be given out each week on Friday and must be handed in by the following Friday.

Reading should take place daily and needs to be recorded in the Reading Record book. Please try to write a comment in the Reading Record book when you hear your child read and discuss the content of what they have read with them.



Each week your child will have spellings to learn both at home and in school.

Class B's production is scheduled for just before Easter on Thursday 26th March. We are hoping that it will have an African theme - maybe The Lion King! (spoiler alert) and hopefully we will have our new higher stage by then!

I look forward to working in partnership with you and to a happy and successful Spring term for the children. If you have any questions regarding our work this term or your child's progress, please feel free to come and discuss them with me after school.

Kind regards, Mrs Guy