

Class 1 Newsletter Summer Term 1 2025

Hello everyone! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter (which seems a long time ago now)!!! We certainly started the summer term with a bang after our special visit last Wednesday and Thursday! I'm very much looking forward to the rest of what is a short half term and seeing the children progressing and blossoming.

Our topic this half term is 'Safari with the big question -How does life in Africa compare with life in the UK? We will be having an art workshop in a couple of weeks which will focus on African art and will be delivered by Kate - The lady that runs our after-school art club.

There have been some slight changes this half term. We welcome our new learners who have settled in brilliantly. They register in the cottage each morning and have their own learning time together. Then, when it is COOL (choose our own learning) time, the children are all accessing the indoor and outdoor provision together.

I will teach all day on a Monday. On Tuesday, I will teach in the morning and have my non-contact time on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Bradford will be leading the class and teaching them the planned lessons on the timetable. I will also be out for non-contact time on a Thursday afternoon whilst the children do PE with the coach and then music.

Show and Tell:

The show and tell timetable for this half term is on Dojo and also displayed in the window.

Children may bring in up to three items from home to show to the rest of the class and talk about them. You may want to email me something such as a photograph/PowerPoint or send it to me via Dojo.

Reading: Book change day will be on a Wednesday. But please let me know if you feel like you need a different book before then. A week is a good amount of time to have a book so that the children become really familiar with it and build their confidence in talking about it or making up their own stories. They can also predict what might happen next, sequence the events and talk about the characters and how they might be feeling. There are suggestions in the back of the books that you can also try at home.

Book Bags: Please make sure your child brings their book bag, reading book and reading diary **daily**. We will put any letters in them, so please try to check them regularly too. We do try to check them, but if you could help with this that would be fab. It is best to hand any money/slips over to an adult at the door in a morning in case they get lost or forgotten about.

Water Bottles/Snack:

Please could all children bring a filled water bottle in daily. Children have free access to this throughout the day. Children will be offered a fruit/veg snack daily (mid-morning), as well as milk if you have applied for this via Cool Milk. (Please see Mrs Garratt if you need assistance with this.) If you would like your child to bring in a **small healthy snack**, please ensure these are in a named container. Please no NUTS as we do have allergies in school.

Outdoor Learning:

This is now a 'Forest School' morning every Tuesday with Frankie and Charlotte from Moss to Canopy. Children need to come to school on a Tuesday in outdoor learning clothes. It is really important that children have a long sleeve top on and leggings or joggers due to the nature of the activities. We are happy for them to bring a change of clothes if it is hot weather. Wellies

are also a necessity as there are some water-based activities. If children come to school in their own wellies, they will also require a **pair of indoor shoes please**.

Naming Belongings:

Please can you ensure that ALL belongings are clearly named. Some name labels are wearing/falling off so a check would be much appreciated. This also includes any non-uniform that the children wear on outdoor learning day and PE kit.

Dojo: Please keep your eye on dojo for updates about weekly learning and day to day messages. You may also contact us via Dojo private message if you need to ask us anything or please do approach us when we are around.

Drop off: The door is open for drop off from 8:35pm and a member of staff will always be available to welcome children in. We ask to aid transition and develop independence, that parents/ carers say goodbye at the door. However, we understand if you need to come in and we will support the children to separate as quickly and happily as possible. Early Learners can be dropped off at the cottage door.

Collections: We release the children from the main office door at 3:15pm,

Please let us know directly if someone different will be collecting your child. We do operate a password system, but this is often not needed if we have seen individuals before.

Below is an overview of some of the things that the children will be doing this half term.

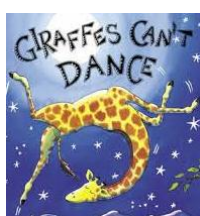
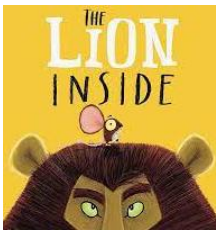
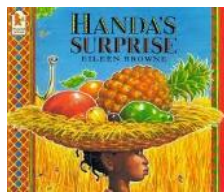
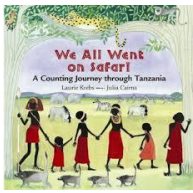
If you have any questions or queries about anything, then please do not hesitate to phone/email: j.johnson-cooper@southwellholyltrinity.org.uk or message via dojo.

Miss Johnson-Cooper, Miss Bradford & Mrs Mulligan



English

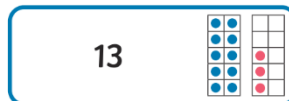
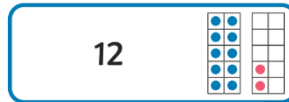
During the first week, we read Handa's Surprise and wrote about the animals in the story and the fruit which they took from Handa's basket. We have read 'We Went on Safari' and have written the sentence 'I saw a _____' using describing words. For example - I saw a tall giraffe. In the next few weeks, we will read 'The Lion Inside' and 'Giraffes Can't Dance.' We will describe the characters and their feelings. We will write some lion fact files.



Maths

We will continue with the White Rose units of work: To 20 and beyond and How many now?

We will build numbers up to 20 by looking at how they are made of a ten and more ones. We will do lots of counting verbally beyond 20. We will add more to a number and think about how many we have added and then take away from a number.



Phonics

We will continue with our Read Write Inc scheme of phonics. We have nearly completed set 2 sounds so the rest of the term, we will focus on using the sounds we know by writing words and simple sentences. We will learn and use the common exception words in the sentences too. For example: There are six books in a box. Run to the top of the hill.

Set 2 Speed Sound Map



get to the top



socks on a mat

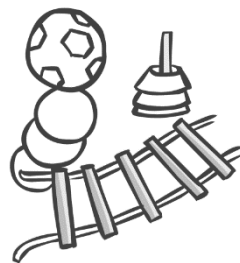
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This half term, we are focusing on Incarnation and think about the question: What makes every person unique and special? We will listen to different Bible stories that tell us how every human is precious to God.



PE

Monday PE we will be bikeability where the children will learn about how to ride a balance bike or bike safely. Thursday afternoons will focus on games and multi-skills and athletics.



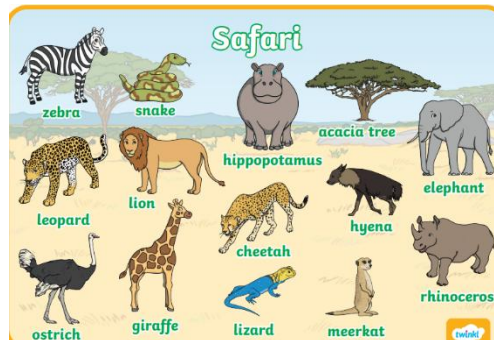
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Heart Smart - Our theme this half term is 'Fake is a Mistake. We will learn how to be kind and encouraging to others and differentiate between words that are true and untrue. We will learn that being honest and always telling the truth is very person and know that being yourself is the best that you can be.



TOPIC

We will learn all about the African Savannah - the animals, landscape and plants. We will learn all about the different animals we might see on a safari. We will also be having a big focus on Fair Trade - what this is and what it means.



Expressive Arts & Design

We will create large pictures of animals for a Safari themed display. We will paint, collage and print these pictures. We will also make some safari themed clay tiles on the art morning and silhouette savannah pictures.

We will explore African music and instruments.



Forest Schools

We will send out a weekly update from Frankie and Charlotte on what the children have been doing during their forest school sessions.



Please see the Summer Term dates letter for things happening this term. I will send out any extra details about any events as and when necessary, so watch out for any dojo posts or emails.