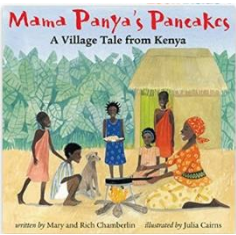


Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely half term break.

We will be doing several short themes this half term. In week one we will continue our work on Africa comparing life in hot places to where we live and learning more about African elephants, how they are adapted to their environment and why they are endangered. We will be having a geography focus and continuing our work on mapping.

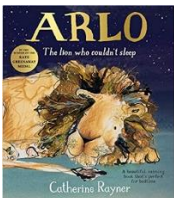


We will walk to the co-op to get our pancake ingredients and identify landmarks and features along the route. We will draw and build maps of our route. We will then read 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' and map her journey to market. We will compare her journey in Kenya to ours in Hebden Bridge and look for what is the same and what is different. We will have a pancake feast and tell jokes or perform magic tricks for our elephant fundraiser.

The second week will start a new theme 'What is out there?' And 'How did it get here?' For this theme there will be a surprise space adventure on Monday 27th February. If the children want to wear anything space related or white clothes for their adventure into space they can. We will have a bit of a history focus by thinking about landings on the moon, space travel and events that happened before the children were born. We will find out who Mae Jameson was and read nonfiction texts about the solar system and planets as well as fiction books such as 'Astro Girl' and 'Bob the Man on the Moon.'



We will then move on to thinking about eggs, if eggs are alive, new life and Easter.



Throughout the half term there is also a healthy me focus. We will find out about Arlo, the lion who couldn't sleep. He will encourage the children to understand the importance of a good night's sleep and sensible amounts of screen time. We will also find out about exercise and why it is important, healthy food, good hygiene and staying safe. We will also learn about how and when to brush our teeth and the work of a dentist.

In maths, we continue to gain a deep understanding of numbers to ten, how we can combine numbers and how we can show our thinking in lots of different ways. Phonics, reading and activities to support happy friendships and learning continue daily. It's going to be a busy term!

Our Woodland wonder sessions with Mrs Dear will resume in March on alternate Fridays. I will notify you of the dates in due course

How can you help?

- Please ensure Reception children have their reading book in school every day.
- Please place library books to be changed in your child's drawer. They will be changed on **Wednesdays**.
- Please dress your child in suitable clothing for climbing, jumping etc. on a Wednesday so that they can access the PE apparatus in the hall
- Reception children have a PE lesson on Thursdays and need a named PE kit in school (a pair of navy or black shorts, white Tee shirt and a pair of pumps.) This can be purchased from the school office if you wish.
- Please provide, some spare clothes in a named bag in case of little accidents.

On Woodland Wonder Fridays please bring in wellies and wet weather clothing such as waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat. You will also need a carrier bag to put muddy clothes in and a pair of shoes to change into.

If you have any resources at home that you feel may be useful e.g. fiction and non-fiction books to support our learning, then please do bring them into school.

Please feel free to ask if you have any questions we are always happy to help.

Ms Baily and the Acorns Team.

Dates for your diary:

- ✓ 23rd February – Bike-ability
- ✓ 27th February- Wonders of Space Show – dress in white if you wish
- ✓ 3rd March – World Book Day
- ✓ 10th – 19th March – Science Week. The theme is 'Connections.'
- ✓ Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day
- ✓ wc 21st March: Family consultations and reports.
- ✓ 31st March – School closes for Easter
- ✓ 17th April – School Reopens for the Summer Term

