



St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School  
Information for Parents - How to Help your child

**Year Group: 2**    **Term: Summer**    **Class Teacher: Miss. Reay and Miss Osiecka**    **Date: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Our main topic this term is 'Kenya'.

**REGULAR TASKS**

Reading: Please find time to read with your child every day for around 20 minutes away from the TV or loud music and ensure you sign and date their Reading Records.

You should ask your child questions about the book they are reading to think about the story further and encourage them to use expression and recognise punctuation.

Spelling: We will have weekly spelling tests which will take place on a Friday. The words sent home will be a mixture of words based on the sounds that your child has covered in that week's phonics sessions, and some 'high frequency' and 'tricky' words, i.e. commonly used words and words that cannot be phonetically decoded and so need to be learnt by memory.

Handwriting: Please give your child the opportunity to practise the formation of letters and check that they are forming them in the correct orientation.

Literacy: This term we will be writing a range of stories based on experiences at school including a superhero story, persuasive letters, diary entries and re-telling stories.

Maths: We will begin the term by looking at fractions of shapes as well as fractions of a quantity. We will then go over solving a range of word problems involving the four operations as well as money and measure problems. Then we will look at mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations as well as identifying patterns in numbers and continuing a sequence.

You can support your child at home by:

- Finding fractions of amounts such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 30,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24.
- Using mental methods to solve addition and subtraction equations.
- Using the RUCSAC method to solve word problems for homework.
- Continuing to help them learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Phonics/Spelling and Grammar: Your child will take part in a daily phonics or spelling and grammar session that is targeted to their ability group.

Science: In science we will be looking at living things and habitats. We will be naming plants and animals in different habitats, exploring how animals and plants adapt to habitats and learning about food chains and cycles.

Computing: In computing we will be creating sorting databases, learning how to edit an image and understanding how to stay safe online.

Topic: In topic this term we will be looking at Kenya. We will be looking at what the climate and environment is like, the weather, the food they eat and people as well as animals that live there.

PE: Your child will be expected to bring in a PE kit on **Thursday and Friday**.

RE: We will be learning about Hinduism. We will be learning about their holy books, where they worship and important festivals in their calendar.

Mandarin: Your child will continue to take part in a weekly Mandarin session.

Art: In art, we will be creating Kenyan animal collages and pieces for Art week.

Homework: Your child will receive **two pieces** of homework each week in relation to the work we have been doing in school to support their learning and skills. This will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due back in on a **Wednesday**.

We will also send home spellings for your child to learn in preparation for a weekly spelling test, a high frequency list spelling test and a set of number facts for the number fact challenge. These will be carried on a Friday.

**A small amount of dedicated time at home each day for reading/homework will help your child to reinforce their learning and progress well.**

*You are always welcome to come and see me with any questions or if you would like further advice or ideas of how you could further help your child at home.*