



Year 2 Summer Term 2023

Topics : Kenya (1st half) and Kings and Queens (2nd half)

English

English units this term will be based around topic-related stories. Our focus writing genres will be instructions and explanations with information texts linked to Kenya. We will continue reinforcing key grammar and punctuation features such as types of sentences, past and present tense, commas and apostrophes. We will be working further on reading comprehension skills through interpretation of texts and our whole class reading. In the second half of term texts will be based around royalty, with fun and factual stories and information texts.

Science

In science this term will be looking at plants. We will also be investigating the structure of plants and trees and what they need to grow well. In addition we will record the stages of the lifecycle of a plant. We will engage in a variety of activities including identifying common plants and trees in the garden and in the wild. We would encourage you to plant your own seeds and keep a record of your observations, monitoring growth. We will also gain an understanding of various ways seeds are dispersed.

Topic

In the first half of term we will be studying Kenya. We will be looking at its location in the world, the animals of Kenya and the way of life there. In the second half of term we will be studying the topic of Kings and Queens. We will be looking at different British monarchs through history, with a particular comparison of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I.

Music

We will be looking at rhythms in African music and listening to different examples, including the idea of call and response. We will then be thinking about formal music to introduce or honour royalty.

Art/DT

We will be looking at African fabrics and learning about the skill of weaving. We will also look at beaded necklaces, creating our own versions using various materials. In the second half of term, we will be planning a royal garden party! We will be planning and preparing our own tasty sandwiches for the event.

PSHE

We will investigate money in our lives and then focus on growth and development in childhood.

Maths

We will start by working on time and statistics. We will be working on consolidating our learning and practising the different strategies we have been using to solve problems. We will look at calculations involving adding, subtracting, multiplication and division. We will continue to focus on our times tables, including quick recall of facts. In addition we will work on fractions, measurement, shape and money.

Computing

We will be learning about spreadsheets. We will be learning what they are used for and understanding how they are created. We will then learn how to use 2Question and 2Investigate using Purple Mash.

PE

We will start our swimming sessions and continue to develop running, jumping and throwing activities taking part in mini competitions. We will also continue to have weekly dance lessons.

RE

We will learn about different faiths focusing on aspects of caring and kindness moving onto recognising various religious leaders.



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YEAR 2 HOMEWORK MENU—SUMMER TERM 2023

GEOGRAPHY

Create a fact file on Kenya—how many facts can you find out?
 Draw a map to show where Kenya is in the world.
 Research an animal associated with Kenya.

HISTORY

Find out about a British King or Queen. Create a poster about them.
 Create a timeline to show when different Kings and Queens were on the throne.
 Write a diary entry from Charles III.

ART

Create some beads and make them into a necklace. Use whatever medium you would like to make the beads.
 Use fabric and sewing to make something, e.g. a toy, a cushion or a decoration.

DT

Find a recipe for a dish from somewhere else in the world. Cook/Bake it at home and take a photo of the finished item.
 Design a menu for a royal banquet.
 Design and make a crown for King Charles III.

Topic: Kenya/Kings and Queens Homework Gallery

Each child should choose **at least ONE task** from these suggestions to complete at home and bring into school. Please bring in your topic home learning to share in the week beginning the **10th July 2023**.

COMPUTING

Research a King, Queen or the country Kenya on the internet.
 Create a poster/power point, using a computer programme, about the Royal family.

MUSIC

Learn an African song to perform to the class.
 Could you learn a song to sing with the theme of 'Kings and Queens'?

SCIENCE

Plant a seed and take pictures of it as it grows.
 Go into your garden or local outdoor space and take pictures of as many different plants as possible. How many can you name?
 Create a scrap book with pressed flowers and bark rubbings.

ENGLISH

Create an obstacle course at home. Create a set of instructions for your peers so they can set one up in their home.
 Create an invitation to a royal ball or a wedding— what important information will you need to make sure you include?

Dates for your diary:

5th May– In School Street Party– Children wear red, white and blue on this day
 Month of May - SATs for Year 2
 26th May — INSET Day
 w/c 29th May — Half Term
 6th June — INSET Day

