

Year 2 – Spring 1 and 2

African Safari

English

We will be looking at a range of stories influenced by Africa. First, we will be looking at the Tinga Tinga Tale 'Why a Giraffe has a long neck' and using Talk for Writing to rehearse the story before we write. We will also use 'Meerkat Mail' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' as a stimulus for writing. We will be creating our own post cards, letters, diaries and short narratives.

Maths

This half term we will be introducing fractions of shape and fractions of amounts. We will be focusing on $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. Throughout the half term, we will be consolidating our learning of arithmetic by recapping place value, addition, subtraction multiplication and division.

Science

This half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats. We will begin by comparing the differences between things that are living, dead and have never lived. We will then look at habitats and how each living thing is suited to its environment. Finally, we will look at how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals using the idea of a basic food chain.

History

As part of our history, we will explore the life of Nelson Mandela and how he has contributed to international achievements. We will consider why he is such a significant individual and sequence key events in his life.

Art

Our art sessions will be inspired by Tinga Tinga artwork where we will look at using patterns and prints to create an effect. We will be pressing, rolling, rubbing and stamping to make different prints.

P.E

In P.E we will be focusing on gymnastics and being able to create a sequence of moves to create a gymnastics routine.

Geography

We will be using an atlas to look at the location of several African countries. We will be using aerial photographs to recognise landmarks in Africa. We will also be studying the key human and physical features of Maltby and comparing these to those in African countries.

