



Dear parents and carers of children in Year One,

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you had a lovely time. Our topic this term is 'Africa' and we have lots of exciting things planned including some African dancers coming in to teach the children some dances and a trip to the Horniman Museum.

Literacy

In literacy this term we will be exploring a range of stories including the fabulous Tinga Tinga Tales and some oral story telling using 'The Awongalema Tree' story. Throughout this term there will be a focus on the children writing grammatically correct sentences and adding interesting detail.

How you can help your child at home: Continue to read with your child **daily**. Please encourage your child to read their books a few times every week as this will develop their ability to read more fluently. Also, please use Bug Club as an extra resource to help develop your child's ability to read as well as developing their enthusiasm for reading. Your child has been allocated lots of books so if you have not already done so- get reading on Bug Club!

There will be a Bug Club workshop for parents so please watch out for a text that will confirm the date for this support.

Reminder: Please write the title of the book your child has read and a quick comment in their reading diary too. Diaries are checked by the class teacher every week.

Maths

In maths this term we will continue to develop the children's confidence in using numbers up to 100. This includes being able to read, write and order them. The children will be learning about place value – how many tens and units there are in a number and what happens to those numbers when you add or take away. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will have a focus on representing number bonds to 20 and finding the related subtraction facts. For example, if you know $13 + 7 = 20$ then you also know $7 + 13 = 20$, $20 - 7 = 13$ and $20 - 13 = 7$. The children will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and thinking about their properties. We will be learning about money and the values of coins and notes.

How you can help your child at home: Go on a shape hunt – when you start looking you find 2D and 3D shapes everywhere! Talk to your child about the names and properties of these shapes. Also looking at the size, shape and value of different coins and allowing your child to find the right coins to make different amounts whilst out shopping.

Science

In science this term we will learn about why plants are important; how they grow and how we use them. We will be looking at different plants such as flowers and trees and identifying their features. The children will observe a bean seed growing and think about what a plant needs to survive.

Thematic

Our thematic topic is 'Africa'. We will be looking at maps of Africa and discussing different areas e.g. towns and the Savannah. We will be looking at some of the history of Africa and using different techniques in art and design to make African paintings and items such as jewellery. We will be exploring African fruit and food. **If anyone has any items at home they would be willing to show to the children, or any photos and stories from Africa, or know any African songs, rhymes or games please let us know. We would love for our families to be involved in this topic.**

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th May- Horniman Museum Trip

If you have any questions or would like to discuss ways to help your child at home, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

The Year One Team