

# Year 2 Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome Back! We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break!

## On a Mission...to Africa!

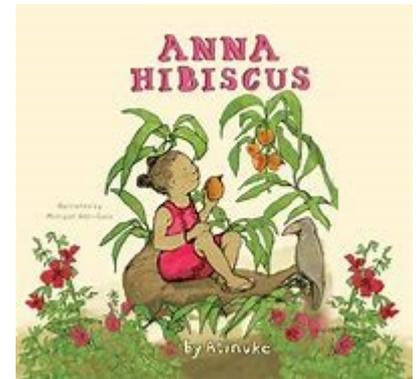
Our new whole school theme for the summer term is 'On a Mission.'  
This term year 2 will be going 'On a Mission to Africa'  
The key text this term is 'Anna Hibiscus' by Atinuke

In English we will be completing some descriptive writing, writing a letter and a recount all based on the theme and the key text.

We will continue to develop our planning, drafting and editing skills as well as learning to upgrade sentences using ambitious vocabulary, adjectives and adverbs. We will also be focusing on using conjunctions such as 'but', 'so' and 'because' to extend sentences.

In reading, we are focussing on finding answers from the text and using inference skills to 'read between the lines' backing up opinions with evidence from the text.

We are having a big push on reading and children will continue to be rewarded when they read at home, so please take time to listen to your child read and ask questions to check their understanding.



In maths we are focussing heavily on problem solving, with a key focus on word problems.

We are also going to work on time durations so you can help your child by talking about how many months there are in a year, how many weeks in a year, how many days in a week, how many hours in a day, how many minutes in an hour. We will later move on to telling the time to the nearest minute.

Another maths focus will be on position and direction  
It is vital that children can recall multiplication tables for 2x, 5x and 10x.

In Geography we will be learning about Africa and comparing African countries to England. We will locate Africa on the world map and describe its location in relation to other continents and oceans. We will also explore climate and landscapes.



In Science we will be investigating plants and looking at what they need to grow. We will also look at some of the plants found in Africa.

In Art we be focussing on the skill of collage, creating an African sunset scene.



In PSHE we will be focussing on relationships

PE will take place every Monday and Friday. The children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Children can bring a plain black/grey tracksuit into school for outdoor PE if the weather is bad.

Full school uniform should be worn every day including black school shoes. All items need to be labelled. Plain stud earrings can be worn, however they need to be removed for PE. No nail varnish is to be worn. Water bottles should be labelled and taken home at the end of each day to be washed ready for the following day.

#### Key Dates:

Thursday 2nd May — INSET day  
Monday 6th May — Bank Holiday  
Thursday 23rd May — INSET day  
Friday 24th May — finish for half term  
Monday 10th June — Return to school

Homework will be sent out every Friday.

This will include a short maths and English activity as well as spelling practice.

Children will be introduced to the new list of spellings on a Wednesday, they will go home on a Friday and be tested on a Monday. Children should write a sentence for each spelling to ensure they understand the meaning and can use it in context.

A project will be set every 2 or 3 weeks depending on the length of the term or themes. The date to return this will be clear on the project sheet.

Parents are welcome in the classroom at any time so feel free to call in before or after school.

Thanks for your continued support

Miss Maxted and Miss Renshaw

# Reading



To encourage children to read their reading book at home with you, every time they have a comment from home to say that they have read they will get a star on the reading effort chart. The first to complete the chart will win a prize!