

Year 2  
Spring 2

# Curriculum Newsletter



Important Dates:

Africa Workshop -  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

PE – Mondays & Fridays

In **English**, we will be looking at the text 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'. During this, we will be learning how to use commas in a list and the suffixes -er and -est to create comparative and superlative adjectives. We will innovate the story of Mama Panya's Pancakes by changing the characters or items in the story and then we will write our own versions.

Then, we will be looking at the text 'Meerkat Mail' where we will be ending the unit by writing diary entries from the perspective of the main character, Sunny. We will be learning how to use possessive apostrophes, the suffixes -ful and -less and subordinating conjunctions throughout this unit and will apply these skills in our final piece.

In **Maths**, we will be continuing our prior work on addition, subtraction and multiplication through the context of money to find totals of amounts and find change.

We will continue counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and solve problems involving these through the context of statistics, where we will be interpreting and constructing simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.

Finally, we will be looking and recognising fractions including  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  and we will begin learning how to find fractions of amounts.

In **Science**, we will continue our work on 'Making New Plants'. We will learn that some plants die after they have produced seeds (annual plants) and some plants live for many generations producing seeds each year (perennial). We will continue to develop our knowledge of what plants need to survive, grow and stay healthy and will explore this further by using our observational skills over time through investigations.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be designing, making and evaluating African Watch Towers. The children will explore lots of different joining techniques to make them such as flanges, braces, tabs & slots.



In **Geography**, our topic for this half term will be Africa. We will revisit our learning on the continents and oceans before moving on to learn about the continent of Africa. We will be focusing on the human and physical geography of Africa and then will focus on learning about all about Ghana. We will have an exciting visitor called 'Kwame' coming in to complete an African workshop with us with lots of fun activities.