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 <p style="text-align: center;">English</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning: African tales</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>We will be reading different African stories and poems. Try watching a show about the animals in Africa such as Andy's Aquatic Adventures Listen to popular African children's songs such as Kye, Kye, Koolay on YouTube and read books such as Anansi: An African Tale. You could also try making your own African collar necklace with a paper plate and your child's favourite colours (see link)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning: about number and money</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>We will be learning about the different coins and notes and their values. Try setting up a pretend shop, deciding with your child what to sell and setting the prices. We will also be working on our number skills. Try counting objects around the house or if you have a garden or go for a walk, count how many flowers or insects etc. you see. You could also listen and sing along to counting songs such as 10 Green Bottles.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning: about lifestyle choices</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>We will be looking at different activities e.g. physical ones and relaxing ones. Try some out at home e.g. dancing, going to the park, colouring/drawing or a seated yoga video on YouTube. How does your child respond to the different activities? How do they feel? Think about healthy eating (5 a day) and prepare some food together e.g. fruit kebabs or make a pitta bread pizza. Do you have a garden? Plant some seeds together and look after them. Can you grow something to eat?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning: about data</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>We will be working on our Maths number skills through timed trials in pairs and small groups e.g. seeing how many objects we can put in a bucket in 1 minute. Try using an online timer at home for some friendly family competitions to see how many times you can pass a ball in a minute. Matching and sorting will also feature in our learning. Using everyday objects, pair things together e.g. socks and use the word the 'same'. Reinforce the concept that there are 2 in a pair. Sort the cutlery in the drawer.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Life Skills</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning: shopping skills</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Encourage your child to participate in shopping at home if possible. Involve them in making a list, going to the shop and helping to put items on the conveyor belt. Can they hand over the money or help you to pay electronically? Do you use the self-service tills? Can they carry the bag? Explore online shopping at home with your child. Can they watch as you do your weekly shop? Or can they order a toy from Argos with their pocket money?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>We will be addressing skills of agility, balance, coordination through a variety of activities including physio, dance, yoga and fitness programmes. This should get us in shape for the summer Olympics next half term.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Any time is a good times for coordination games. These can be pass the parcel, over and under ball games and simple races.</p>



Discovery Days



In our discovery days, we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects. We have a wealth of activities and experiences this half term. We will be looking at Japanese culture with an emphasis on Sakura (Blossom Festival). In science, we will be studying the structures of flowers, planting, looking at seeds and seeing the miracle of growth. In our creative sessions we will be painting with flowers and brushes from nature. Another cultural day will focus upon English Mayday traditions from Maypoles to Morris Dancing. For RE we will look at Baptism and lastly we will look at summer cooking of salads, smoothies and homemade lemonade. Yummy, I feel a picnic coming on.

Home learning opportunities:

Take time to pause to listen to the birds singing and draw attention to the buds bursting into flower. Show your child the fact that it is safe to eat certain bulbs and seeds (onions, rice lentils etc).

Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

<https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/ordering-and-sequencing>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/money>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/data-handling>

Numbots (website or app; login required)

White Rose 1 minute maths (app)

YouTube Kids (app)

<https://www.greenkidcrafts.com/african-paper-plate-necklaces-craft/>

Class Reminders

Parent 'drop in' date for your diary: join us on the 11th June 9.30am for some reading activities (invite to follow).

Shopping trips: Thursday afternoons. Please make sure your child has a coat in school and perhaps some sun cream and a sunhat for if the weather is sunny.