

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We are looking forward to starting another exciting term in Year Two. During the first half term we will be studying Kenya and comparing it to England. In the second half term we will be learning about microhabitats and mini-beasts. Remember, if you have any questions or need to contact us you can do so by email—mrs.mccarthy@greattotham.sch.co.uk or mrs.browne@greattotham.sch.co.uk

This term, our PE days will be on Monday and Wednesday.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name and is in line with the school uniform policy, which is available on the website. As the weather is colder, please remember that the children can wear a tracksuit for PE.



One of the most important ways to help support your child is hearing them read regularly and reading to them. The best approach is little and often, just 10 minutes each day makes a difference.

Parents' Evenings

14th February — 4.30—7.30

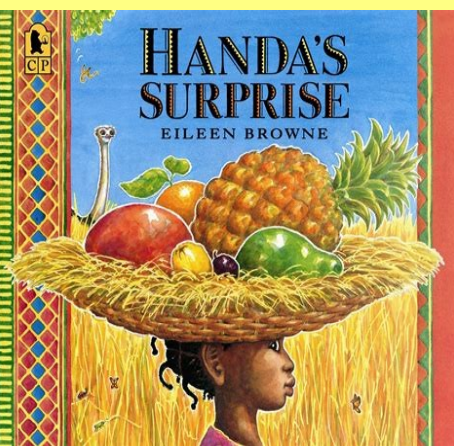
15th February — 3.30—6.30

INSET—26th & 27th February

World Book Day—7th March

Reading books and library books are changed on a Friday.





English

Throughout the term the children will be developing their reading, writing and spelling skills by learning how to use commas, adjectives, adverbs and apostrophes. They will extend their sentences using the words when, if, but and or. We will be using a range of books to inspire our descriptive writing. The books *Handa's Surprise*, *The Ugly Five* and *A Kenyan Child* will help us develop story writing skills. We will also be looking at instructions and recounts.

Maths

Over the term, the children will continue to work on their understanding of place value and their calculation skills. They will practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They will continue to learn the 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts to help them solve a variety of problems in different contexts. We will also be looking at fractions of numbers and of shapes including halves, thirds and quarters. We will continue to practise reading 5 minute time.

P.E.

In outdoor P.E. the children will continue to develop their skills through a variety of games involving attacking, defending and scoring. We will be creating our own gymnastic sequences and work to improve our rolls and balances.

Design & Technology

This term we will be making hand puppets. The children will be making the characters - from *Handa's Surprise* - and hopefully using our puppets to tell the stories later in the year. As part of the design process they will investigate the different ways they can join a variety of materials and they will have the opportunity to practise their sewing skills.

Art

In art we will be making a sculpture of a Kenyan mask out of papier mache. We will be using our colour mixing skills from Year 1 to add detail by painting our masks.



Spelling

Spelling sessions continue daily and are a key element in Year Two. The children will be learning which graphemes to choose, and begin to look at some of the rules of spelling. Any reading at home will also help support your child with spelling. It will help them to become familiar with spelling patterns that they have looked at, and enable them to 'see' when words look correct and improve word recognition.

Geography

This term the children will be learning about the locations of the equator, the seven continents and the five oceans. They will be comparing human and physical features of Nairobi and London and a Kenyan village and Great Totham.

Computing

During our computing lessons the children will learn how to research information safely online. They will be using Google to find answers to specific questions about Kenya. They will also learn how to save, retrieve and edit a document.

Science

In the first half term the children will be learning about habitats in hot and cold places. They will also create simple food chains. Later in the term the children will be studying micro habitats, for example a pile of leaves or under a log.

R.E.

We will look at how Christians live their lives according to their belief in God and Jesus, and learn the Lord's prayer and its meaning. We will also look at the different ways they show commitment to the Christian faith.