

St Mary's CE Primary School  
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Willows, Oaks and Junipers

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is an outline of the subjects we will cover this half-term:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Africa</b>
<b>Key Question</b>	<b>What are the traditions of Africa?</b>
<b>Great Work</b>	Traditional African singing performance – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Topic Geography</b>	<b>What are the traditions of Africa?</b> We will be looking at England as an island and comparing it to countries in Africa. We will focus on the key geographical features and lifestyle similarities and differences of these two countries.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Living Things and their Habitats</b> The children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. The children will also be planting bulbs ready to observe the growth in the spring term.
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths, the children will be learning about: the place value of each digit in a two digit number and comparing and ordering numbers up to 100; showing that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative), focusing on the recall of number bonds, adding 3 one-digit numbers and completing mental arithmetic questions that focus on addition and subtraction.
<b>English</b>	In English, the children will be learning about <b>instructions</b> and how to write them using the command sentence type. The children will also be writing <b>non-fiction reports</b> about an African animal of their choice.
<b>PE</b>	In gymnastics, the children will <b>travel</b> along <b>different shaped pathways</b> , which eventually they will <b>sequence</b> together. In Games lessons they will be improving their <b>throwing and catching skills</b> and inventing small games.
<b>RE</b>	In RE, we will be reading a range of <b>parables</b> from the Bible. We will discuss the meanings behind them and how we can learn from them in our own lives.
<b>PSHCE</b>	We will be continuing with the PATHS scheme. This term we will focus on: establishing a positive classroom environment and an introduction to feelings and behaviours.
<b>Computing</b>	We are games testers: We will be learning what algorithms are and how they are implemented as programmes on digital devices. They will use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programmes.
<b>Art</b>	We will be looking at and exploring <b>art from Africa</b> focussing on patterns and prints.
<b>Music</b>	All of the learning this half term will be focused around the song 'Hands, Feet, Heart' which is South African piece of music. The children will be continuing to develop their knowledge of the interrelated dimensions of music and will be singing and playing instruments.
<b>Trips/Special Events</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September– Meet your class teacher Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September – African drumming workshop Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival led by Year 2 at St Mary's Church

On your child's PE day they should arrive in full PE kit and remain in it all day.

Oaks: Monday and Friday

Willows: Thursday and Friday

Junipers: Tuesday and Thursday

We are available between 8.15am and 8.30am and after school on most days (apart from Mondays) if you have any queries or issues to discuss. We look forward to a happy and successful Year 2.

Yours sincerely,

**Leanne Mitchell (Oaks), Samantha O'Sullivan (Willows), Ms O'Connell and Mrs Pickering**