

## Literacy:

- We will continue to practise our reading and phonics skills daily.
- We will be heading off to the African savannah and reading the 'The Days the Rains Fell' by Anne Faundez.
- Our class text will be – Going Solo by Roald Dahl



## Maths:

- I know some of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and am beginning to understand the related division facts.
- I can count in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- I know doubles and halves to 20.
- I can use the x, ÷ and = symbols.
- I can name some common 2d and 3d shapes.
- I can talk about the features of shapes.

## Science:

- Once again we will be exploring the animal kingdom but we will be making comparisons between the UK and Africa.
- We will be identifying different habitats and investigating why animals are suited to them.
- We will be working scientifically to investigate 'What shape is a bubble?' and 'Can water make music?'
- We will be performing simple tests and using our observational skills to help us gather and record our findings.

## Computing:

- We will continue to research how to stay safe online.
- We will use 2 simple to create an information poster about Blyth.

## PE: Games

- We will be developing and applying our throwing and catching skills.
- We will be working as a team and developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

## Art and Design Technology:

- We will be designing a purposeful, functional and appealing product (African drum).
- We will use templates to help us develop our design. (Massai necklace)
- We will be exploring famous African craft makers and using clay to make a traditional African pot.

## Year 2 – Spring 1 2016 Amazing Africa!



**Please note: Thank you for all your contributions to last terms homework challenges. They were amazing!**

## Reminder:

Year 2 SAT's will be expected to take place throughout May 2017.

## Geography:

- We will be comparing a small area of the United Kingdom (Blyth) to a non-European country (South Africa).
- We will be looking at human and physical features.
- We will be comparing weather and identifying hot and cold areas of the world.
- We will be using simple compass directions and directional language.
- We will be using aerial photographs to recognise local landmarks.
- We will be using world maps, atlases and globes.
- We will be developing our fieldwork and observational skills to study our school and our surrounding environment.

## Key dates for your diary:

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Parent drop in session 3.30-4pm**
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – SATS meeting**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Parent drop in session 3.30-4pm**
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parent open day - Safer Internet day**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Valentines Disco**

