



Our Core Books

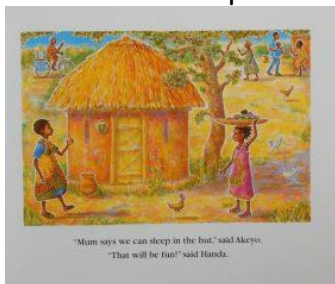
<p>We will be learning about Kenya and exploring what it is like to live in a different country. The children will be using maps to locate Kenya and finding out about the importance of eating lots of different types of fruit.</p>	<p>This beautiful book is all about a journey from one country to another and how difficult it can be to settle in a new place. We will be comparing two different locations and learning about climate, food and aspects of life.</p>	<p>We are going to be learning about why dental hygiene is so important. The children will be finding out about the role of a dentist. We will have lots of fun activities to encourage children to look after their teeth.</p>

Key Learning

<p>Mathematical Development: In our daily maths learning we will focus on: Making pairs, investigating odd and even numbers, doubling to 8 and recalling number bonds to 10. The children will be involved in lots of practical experiences to develop their knowledge and understanding of length and height.</p>	<p>Reading. Daily phonics lessons will continue. Children will continue to work in their groups according to their assessments. Phonics books are changed on a Tuesday and class library sharing books are changed on a Thursday. Daily story sessions will focus on books linked to our topics.</p>	<p>Physical Development: Fine-motor: Children will be involved in their daily funky fingers challenges to strengthen their fine motor muscles in order to support their writing. Daily letter formation will enable them to develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. Gross Motor: Daily opportunities to develop their gross motor skills will continue, we will use bikes, scooters and equipment such as balls, beanbags, bats and hoops. Children will be learning about healthy eating, sleep and the importance of drinking water.</p>
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Role-Play

A new role-play structure will be introduced to the class. The children will recreate the hut in 'Handa's Surprise' and this will be the reading hut. They will continue to use the domestic role-play area and we will be introducing a class shop so that children can explore money, shopping lists and using their communication skills with their peers.



Dental Hygiene.

Children will learn about the importance of oral health. We will focus on brushing teeth, looking after our gums and learning about how the food we eat and the drinks we consume impact our dental hygiene. Children will have the opportunity to make short videos about looking after their teeth. We will learn about the important role of dentists and what happens when they visit the dentist. A talk from a dental nurse will allow them to ask questions.



Understanding of the World

We will be taking part in lots of investigations linked to the natural world. Children will investigate materials and how they change. We will be looking at seasonal changes and identifying plants such as daffodils.

We will focus on recognising some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Key Experiences:

- Identify where Floella Benjamin was born. Compare with the UK. Look at the story of Handa's Surprise - Where is Kenya?
- Explore life in Africa - look at video clips, photos, books, maps and use an early atlas. Learn about the African Savannah, the animals and their habitats.
- Look at different types of food.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will learn to develop their colour-mixing techniques to enable them to match the colours they see and want to represent. The children will learn how to make secondary colours using primary colours. They will learn how to lighten a colour using white. We will look at camouflage and natural patterns.

They will have lots of opportunities to develop storylines into their play using props, objects and music.

The children will be involved in dance linked to Handa's Surprise and will use musical instruments to accompany their role-play and songs.