



Finches Class Newsletter

Our new topic is

Tingatinga



Help your child at home this term by:

- Finding out more about Africa together. The BBC bitesize videos are good on www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zbfcydm and there are lots of good video clips on YouTube if you search 'Africa KS1', but please watch before viewing with your child to check its suitability as with all videos on YouTube. <http://kidzzone.cafod.org.uk/> has some child friendly stories about real children from developing countries.
- Talking to friends or relations who have visited places in Africa.
- Bringing into school any African artefacts you may have at home to show and talk about in class.
- Watching some Tinga Tinga Tales on cbeebies and Youtube. Tinga Tinga Tales is a British–Kenyan children's television series, based on African folk tales. Named after Edward Tingatinga's art from Tanzania.

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English

As readers, we will be reading African stories such as *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* and traditional African tales, comparing them to well-known fairy tales, focusing particularly on Cinderella.

As writers, children will write postcards and construct posters and fact files for African animals. The children will also learn the important skills of letter and diary entry writing, while imagining they are in the role of an African explorer or on safari.



Mathematics

This term, Year 1 will be learning about number: place value (within 100) and Year 2 will be revisiting addition/subtraction of two 2-digit numbers.

Year 1 and 2 children will all be learning about measurement of time and using money.

Science

Wild and Wonderful Creatures

As scientists we will:

- Sort animals into different groups and learn all about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
- Create shoe box/bottle dioramas for the animals and annotate with researched information.
- Learn about different habitats.



PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about money.

Computing

We will use Google Earth and online maps to find out about the seas and continents.

We will begin to use Scratch Jr as an introduction to animation and programming.

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Geography

As geographers we will:

- Name and locate Africa on a map and name the oceans and other continents, using maps, globes and Google earth.
- Identify and compare seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK with Africa.
- Learn about the Maasai people and the countries Kenya and Tanzania.
- Use photographs to find out about a foreign country.
- Find similarities and differences between the life of a child in a Kenyan school and our lives in the UK.
- Explore some of the problems that children face in going to school in some parts of Kenya.
- Find solutions to problems faced by schools in Kenya.

Music

As musicians we will be:

Listening to the Carnival of Animals, identifying the different animals and discussing the use of rhythm and pitch.

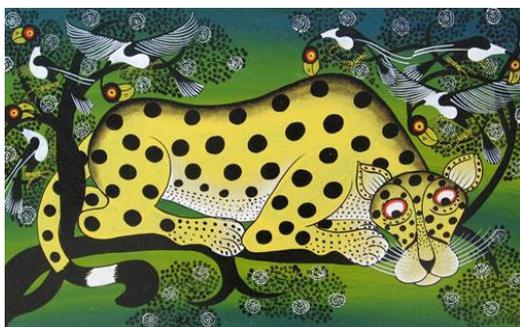
Learning some traditional African songs.



Art & DT

As artists and designers we will:

- Make sunset pictures using watercolours and soft pastels.
- Look at Tingatinga paintings which originated in Tanzania by the artist Edward Saidi Tingatinga in 1968.
- Study African fabric patterns and make our own repeating patterns.



RE

In RE we will be examining:

What it means to belong and to be part of a community.

How Christians give expression to belonging and being part of a community.

Water Bottles, Sun Cream and Sun Hats

Please bring water bottles and sun hats in daily and apply sun-cream before school
(named sun-cream bottles can be kept in school and your child can apply it at lunch time if necessary).



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