



Welcome back everyone, and to the Spring Term! We are looking forward to the longer days and warmer mornings that will hopefully soon come our way. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and thank you so much for all your kind and generous gifts!

Our Topic this term is **Changing People**, and so far we have been exploring the country of Kenya, soon comparing it with the UK.

### The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we have started our work on fable writing.
- In **Maths**, we will be finishing our money topic and start looking at multiplication and division.
- In **Science**, we have started our new unit 'Animals including Humans', and we have been looking at life cycles and how animals change as they grow.
- In **DT**, we have started the process of designing and making our bags.
- In **P.E.**, we are continuing with multiskills and dance.
- In **R.E.**, we are exploring why Jewish families celebrate Shabbat.
- In **P.S.H.E.**, we have started our new unit 'Dreams and Goals' by deciding on some personal goals to work towards.

### Ways to help your child

- **English:** Try some of the word classes games on EducationCity - [https://go.educationcity.com/content\\_select/index/4/1/1/2#/](https://go.educationcity.com/content_select/index/4/1/1/2#/)
- **Maths:** Money - it would still be really helpful for the children to count and explore any loose change you may have. The more they can become familiar with and handle coins and notes, the better!






### Spelling patterns

We have looked at adding the suffixes '-ing' and '-ed' to root words ending in 'y'.

Next week we will add the suffixes '-er' and '-est' to root words ending in 'y'. Spelling rule: if there is a consonant before the 'y', then change the 'y' to an 'i'.

### KIRFs

This half term's KIRF is: multiplication and division facts for the **5** times table.

English	Science	Art	History	Geography
Imagine you have travelled to Africa and went on a safari trip. Write a description of what you saw and how you felt.	Can you research your favourite safari animal and write down your favourite five facts.	Using paint, crayons or chalk, create a piece of art work to show your favourite safari animal.	Research the Maasai tribe and choose your favourite five facts. Make a poster showing these facts with pictures, labels and explanations.	Look at a map of Africa. Choose one country to research. Write your favourite five facts about this country.
				

### Homework

For this half term, the children will be given a topic related challenge. Please choose a new subject based challenge each week, to be completed by the following Wednesday.

### Reminders

House points will be on offer for anyone who has completed daily KIRF's, so remember to fill in your KIRF column!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Westwood and Ms. Gahan

