

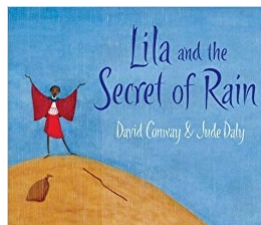


## Our Topic this term ....

This half term the children in Lower Language Class will be "Going on safari!"

We will be exploring Africa, locating it on a map, comparing an African village to our local area and learning about the different animals. We will be using batik and animal prints in art to create our own paper and African drums to create our own music. In our role play area we have built an African hut. Inside there are everyday items that might be found in an African village.

In Literacy we will be reading *Lila and the Secret of Rain* and *Handa's Surprise*. Both books are set in Africa. There will be lots of opportunity for writing character and setting descriptions, writing from different characters viewpoints and using drama to retell stories.



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## LLC Newsletter Spring Term 1 2018

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you have enjoyed a well-deserved rest. We look forward to a busy term with lots of exciting learning taking place. We are looking forwards to a fantastic term of learning and hope to share some with you at our assembly.



## Important Dates

**6th February - ULC/LLC Class Assembly**

**Advanced Warning**

Maths Café Week Monday

19<sup>th</sup> February - 23<sup>rd</sup> February



## As mathematicians we will...

The children will be learning about different ways of measuring including length, weight and capacity. We will continue with number recognition and counting as well as addition and subtraction.



## phonics

Our phonics sessions will be focussing on the Phase 3 letters and sounds including digraphs. Please continue your hard work, playing interactive phonics games and practising the sounds they have learnt.

## How can you help at home?



- Please could you read with your child every day and write in their blue reading record. It is important to not only listen to your children read but also read to them, and share favourite stories .
- We are still collecting the Carte D'or style ice cream tubs. If you have any please send them in.
- We spend a lot of time practising writing. It would be fantastic if you could do this at home, as well. We will send home a sheet with the style of writing we are using soon.
- Encourage your children to count forwards and backwards up to 10 and beyond.

## LLC Key Information

- P.E takes place every Monday and Wednesday. Children will need to ensure they have a full kit which includes; navy shorts/ jogging bottoms/leggings, navy t. shirt and plimsolls that are labelled.
- Forest school will take place on a Thursday. Children will need to come in to school dressed in their own clothes for their allocated session. Please ensure children bring in their named waterproof jacket and trousers and some spare clothes in a labelled bag which will be kept in school unless it needs to be sent home to be cleaned.

## Useful Websites

Phonics play- <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Mr Thorne does phonics- <http://mrthorne.com/home/phonics/letters-and-sounds/>

Topmarks( maths games) -<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>