

Stories and Texts we are exploring

The Leopard's Drum

Lila and the Secret of Rain

A range of non-fiction, across the curriculum, relating to our topic.



English Curriculum Letter

Year 2

Our World

Autumn Term 1 2023

Phonics and Spelling Focus

We are recapping the Year 1 common exception words and beginning to learn the Year 2 spellings.

We are learning to decode, [read], words containing Speed Sounds 1-3 and moving on to spelling words that contain different suffixes.

Key Vocabulary

Poster, information, non-fiction/fiction, capital letter, full stop, sentence, research, design

Different emotions, motive, plot, event, setting, characters

ICT Links

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families/subjects/english>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/geography/>

Grammar and Punctuation Focus

We will be writing a series of accurate sentences that make sense and include:

Capital letters Full stops

Question marks

Reading and Writing

We will be looking closely at Kenya, as it is the setting for our key text; 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'.

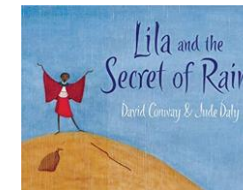
Non-Fiction

We will be finding out how information books are different to story books. We will be thinking about what a fact is. We will present information in a poster and make our own information book about Kenya



We will use books, first hand experiences and the internet to research places around the globe that we would like to visit.

Fiction



Lila lives in a Kenyan village where they wish it would rain as a drought is causing their crops to fail. Lila discovers a secret to make the rain come. But, does she save her village?

We will be looking closely at character's motivations and feelings in the story. We will be retelling the story and writing descriptions of how characters are feeling.