

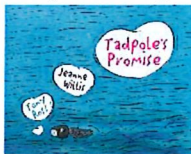
Off On Safari

Welcome back to all of the Willow families - I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. It has been wonderful welcoming your children back into class and seeing them settle in so quickly. To escape the cold outside, our topic this half term is 'Off on Safari' and our focus country is Kenya. In Science, we will be learning about the different animals you might find in Kenya – we will even welcome some African reptiles and amphibians into our class! In Geography, we will be using maps to locate Kenya and will learn about the similarities and differences between Kenya and England. In Art, we will be creating animal print pictures. What an exciting half term!

English

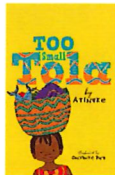
This half term, we will be using quality texts to practise and learn a range of key writing skills. The texts we will explore in Year R and Year 1 are all linked to our topic.

Year 2 will be focussing on the text:



Guided/Shared Reading

In Guided Reading, Year 2 will be looking at the book 'Too Small Tola' by Atinuke



In Year 1 and Year R, we will be sharing a variety of books which are linked to our topic.

Maths

This half term, Year R will be focussing on:

- Alive in five – working with numbers from 0-5
 - Growing 6, 7, 8
 - Mass and Capacity

This half term, Year 1 will be focussing on:

- Place Value within 20
- Addition and Subtraction within 20

This half term, Year 2 will be focussing on:

- Money
- Multiplication and Division

PSHE

Year R will be focussing on: Managing self

We will be learning about; why we have rules, the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges, communicating effectively with others and 'grounding' coping strategies.

Year 1 & 2 will be focussing on: Safety

We will be learning about; communicating safely with adults, how to cross the road safely, hazards at home, keeping our bodies safe, learning what to do when lost and being aware of some of the risks associated with the internet.

Flourish

Our final 'flourish' task will be to create an information video about a safari animal.

Reminders

P.E – ALL of Willow class will have P.E on a **Monday and Wednesday** this half term. Children should come to school in their P.E kit on these days. Please ensure children that have their ears pierced do not wear earrings on PE days.

Please remember to name all jumpers, coats, water bottles, hats, gloves and scarves. It is much easier to reunite children with lost items if they are clearly named. 😊

Please can children come to school every day with their book bag which contains their phonics books and reading diary. Some children are still regularly leaving books and diaries at home – they need to be in school every day. Thank you!

Class email

If you have any questions or would like to share any fantastic home-learning with us, you can use our class email:

willow@singleton.school

Religious Education

This half term our 'big question' is "How can we care for our wonderful world?"

Author Study

Our author of the half term is: **Giles Andreae**

We will be learning all about this author and sharing lots of his stories.

