English In this English unit, children will explore the story '*Why Elephant Has a Trunk*' from the Tinga Tales series as a stimulus for reading, writing, discussion, and drama. They will take part in book talk, role play, and shared reading to explore characters' feelings, make predictions, and develop vocabulary. Children will plan and write their own versions of the story with a clear beginning, middle, and end, using capital letters, full stops, and joining words. The unit will finish with creative writing activities, including poetry and animal riddles inspired by the animals and themes from the story.

Maths **In Year 1, children will learn to:**

- Count forwards and backwards to and beyond 100, understand place value within 20, and read/write numbers to 100
- Count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, recognise number patterns, and find one more or one less than a given number.
- Represent, compare, and order numbers using objects, pictures, number lines
- Understand addition and subtraction using +, – and =
- Recall number bonds to 10 and 20

In Year 2, children will learn to:

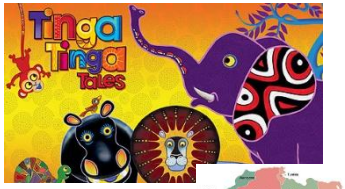
- Use £ and p symbols, combine coins and notes to make amounts, find different ways to total money.
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Solve multiplication and division calculations using ×, ÷, and =
- Answer multiplication and division problems mentally and using objects and arrays
- solve problems involving multiplication and division.

PSHE
Children will learn how to keep themselves safe in everyday situations, including road, beach and online safety. They will explore how to respond safely to strangers, recognise when they feel unsafe and understand the importance of not keeping secrets from adults. Children will also learn who helps keep us safe and how to get help in an emergency, including how to call 999 and report concerns.

Music This half term in Music, we will be learning about percussion instruments, exploring how they can be played in different ways. Children are developing their sense of rhythm, pulse and simple patterns through singing, listening and performing activities.

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PE
This half term, the children will continue to enjoy gymnastics sessions with a specialist coach, developing their skills and beginning to build a gymnastic sequence. They will also start a dance unit, learning about formation and travelling, leading to the creation of a class dance.

French
This half term, children will learn vocabulary linked to 'under the sea.' Children will practise listening and speaking skills through songs, games and simple phrases.



Computing
Children will learn how to create simple multimedia stories by adding text, pictures, drawings, sounds and animations. They will develop their basic computer skills, including typing with two hands.

RE
Children will explore why Jesus is special to Christians by learning stories from the Bible, particularly the story of Zacchaeus. They will discover that Christians believe Jesus was a teacher, healer, and miracle worker, and that prayer is an important source of strength from God, while reflecting on morals, feelings, and what is important in their own lives.

Science
Children will learn about everyday materials and explore how different materials are suitable for different uses. They will investigate how some materials can change shape by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching, while developing their skills in asking questions, carrying out simple tests, observing closely, and recording their findings.

Art
Children will explore African art and design through drawing, printing, collage and textiles. They will investigate patterns, textures, shapes and colour inspired by African culture, jewellery, symbols, and animal camouflage.

Geography
In this topic on Africa, children will learn about the location of Nairobi within Africa and its position in relation to the Equator and the poles. They will explore tropical and subtropical climates, while identifying and comparing the human and physical features of Nairobi and their local area. They will also learn about African wildlife, national parks and compare daily life in Africa with their own.

Enriching School Curriculum: Blue Class Assembly 30th January, KS1 Gymnastic competition 5th February, Safer Internet Day 10th February, Maths Day Friday 13th February,