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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we are going to be looking at Africa and discussing the similarities and differences between life in Africa and here in Plymouth.

Literacy:

- Learning about African animals.
- Writing facts about an animal of our own choice.
- Playing 'What am I?' and encouraging the children to think of adjectives to describe animals.

Phonics:

- Miss Haughton's group will be recapping the set 2 sounds ar, or and air. Please use the QR codes sent home to access the online lessons from RWI.
- Mrs Vanstone's group will be learning oo (zoo) and oo (book). They are also focusing on speedy ready ie; not needing to sound out.
- Mrs Bond's group are recapping th and ng.
- Mrs O'Toole's group are being taught th and ng. They will be reading and writing words with these sounds in.
- Mrs Greenslade's group are working on reading 3 and 4 letter words. They are also using magnetic letters to make CVC words.



- Reading books will continue to be changed on a Friday. Please ensure they are in your child's bag so we can change them.

Maths:

- Continuing to look at and explore the numbers 9 and 10.
- Finding ways of making 10, using 2 numbers.
- Ordering numbers and explaining why a number is in the wrong position. This is a game that can be played at home. Lay out the numbers to 10, ask your child to close their eyes then muddle up 2 of the numbers. Can they spot which numbers have moved and can they tell you why they are wrong? eg: 7 is 1 more than 6, 7 comes before 8 not 5 etc.

Other Areas:

- Looking at African artifacts. If you have any interesting objects that you are happy for us to show the children, please send them in. We will look after them and keep them out of harm's way.
- Looking at globes and atlases.
- Exploring the sounds that different instruments make.

Advance Notice:

- On Wednesday 18th March, we will be having another 'sharing session', where you can come in and look through your child's Learning Journey and Literacy book. This time we are planning to do this in the afternoon, before collection. We will be opening the gates at 2:50 p.m. This will be a chance to look through your child's books before parents evening the following week.

Home Learning:

- The children have loved looking on google earth. See if you can find your home and notice what is around it.
- Practise reading 'red words'. These are in the home school diaries.
- We have sent home two reading games that the children might like to have a go at playing.

Any questions please come and see us or write in the home school communication book.

The Foundation Stage Team

