



Gatten and Lake Primary School Curriculum News

Year 2 Spring 2 Africa.

This half term we will be focusing on the continent of Africa.

The children will be learning to:

- Identify where in the world Africa is and learn facts and information about its countries.
- Make comparisons between Africa, the United Kingdom and the Isle of Wight.
- Research Fair Trade. What it is, how it works and how it benefits the people of Africa.
- Write the story based on Handa's Surprise.
- Solve reasoning problems around money, multiplication, division and fractions.
- Paint African patterns.
- Make Savannah collages.
- Discuss, design, make and evaluate and play an African instrument.
- Understand the differences between things that live, have lived and never lived.
- Understand what living things need to survive.
- Discuss Microhabitats.
- Investigate larger habitats and create dioramas of different habitats.
- Investigate food chains.
- Design and make a bug hotel.
- Identify things that make them who they are and why it is 'Good to be Me' in PHSE.
- Control their bodies in order to gain new gymnastics skills with a coach.
- Develop ball skills and continue our 10 minute daily fitness routines.
- Take part in an African dance.
- Have an exciting trip to the Science Museum.

At home the children could:

- Research Africa
- Design a piece of African fabric

As a family you may like to:

- Research
- Write a story based in Africa

We hope the children will enjoy learning more about this theme.

Last half term the children were:

Taking part in 10 minutes of physical activity every day at 9.30am. The children have been enjoying the 'Fitter Future' workouts along with, run/walk a mile, leg skip and skipping with ropes.



Learning about fire safety and how smoke alarms should be fitted in every home. They also learnt the 'Stop Drop and Roll' technique. Hopefully they will never need to use it. The children also learnt out objects which are hot and cold and how some can be useful eg: a kettle and how some can be dangerous.



Using pastels and black paper to make Fire of London pictures. The children really enjoyed this theme. They learnt many historical facts and wrote diary entries as if they were in London at the time of the fire.