**Year 1 Class Newsletter- Spring Term 1**

**Literacy**

**Writing-** In our literacy lessons, we will be completing written work surrounding our topic on ‘Africa’. We will be studying a key text, which you may wish to explore further at home- Handa’s Surprise by Eileen Browne.

**Reading-** Please can I ask that daily reading at home is maintained, as part of ongoing homework. ***Reading each evening is crucial to your child’s reading development!*** The children are encouraged to place any finished reading books into the classroom’s- *‘Swap Box’*, so that they can be changed for taking home, each evening. Books will be only be swapped in school, once they’ve been read and listened to by an adult; therefore it is important that reading records are signed. **Please ensure reading book bags are sent into school every day.**

**Phonics-** The children will continue to complete daily phonic sessions.

**Homework-** Please can I ask that homework is completed and brought in every Monday. Please can I ask that high frequency words are practised at home as children will be tested on these every Friday. Each Monday I will send out the key words to practice. These should be practiced little but often to support child in their reading and writing.

**Term Dates**

3rd January-16th February 2018

**Numeracy**

**In our numeracy lessons, the children will be covering work surrounding:**

* Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
* Place value and number.
* Time; including telling the time to half past the hour and to the hour.
* Fractions; recognising, finding and naming a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.
* Reading and writing numbers in words and numerals up to 100.

**Problem-solving will be incorporated and developed throughout all coverage areas**



**What else are Y1 learning about this term?**

**Geography-**This half-term, we will be studying: *Kenya; focusing on the climate and weather, the culture and landscape and identifying similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK.*

**RE/PSHE-** The children will be looking at Judaism in RE. We will also be looking at health and wellbeing in PSHE.

**Music-** The children will participate in a weekly session of hymn practice to develop their singing skills. We will also be including music opportunities in class, when possible.

**Art/D&T-** The children will look closely at art surrounding our theme of Africa. Additionally, as part of our topic, we will also be completing a variety of crafts based on Africa.

**PE-** This half-term, the children will be developing their ball skills and improving their co-ordination. They will working with a sports coach, focusing on developing their skills in football. **Please ensure PE bags are in school with full kit- clearly named.**

**Computing-** In computing, the children will be exploring illustrations in traditional tales and creating their own.

**Science-** The children will be completing a scientific unit surrounding work on ‘Wild Animals’.

**Special dates for your diary this half-term…**

* **Friday 19th January**- YR1 Class assembly about Africa. All parents are welcome to come and support your child. Please check your child’s bag for letters and further details closer to the time.