



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an excellent first week in school with the students adapting to their new class brilliantly. I hope you have had an enjoyable holiday with your children. I look forward to meeting you again soon.

OUR TOPIC

Our topic this term will be **Nature**. We will be exploring this topic through the following aspects of learning:

Our class texts will be – Fire on Kaphirintiwa by Steve Chimombo and The Last Tree by Maria Quintana Silver.

In Literacy – For reading skills we will focus on comprehension finding relevant evidence from a text and inference skills. In writing, we will analyse the use of language in the books and incorporate it into our own pieces of writing. We will write narratives, reports and persuasive letter.

In Mathematics – We will begin with strengthening and widening place value knowledge and move on to applying these skills to the 4 number operations including the introduction of long division for year 6 students. We are having a big focus on mental maths skills again this year and will use a range of methods and techniques to further develop the students' mental maths capabilities.

In Science – We will learn about how living things are classified and explore how environment and environmental change impact animals and plants. We will also look at human biology and changes that happen from birth to old age.

In Geography – We will learn about biomes, climate zones and vegetation belts. We will develop map reading skills including using lines of longitude and latitude.

In ICT – We will develop ICT skills incorporating images and text using different software and will use spreadsheets to handle and analyse data.

In History – After half term we will learn about Crime and Punishment and consider how this has changed over time in different societies.

In RE – We will study Hinduism including discovering the main beliefs, places of worship, ceremonies and pilgrimages.

In Music – we will listen to movements from Camille Saint Saen's Carnival of the animals exploring different instruments, tempo and dynamics and will use this as inspiration for composing our own animal inspired pieces using percussion. After half term, we hope to start learning to play the recorder reading musical notation.

In PE – Swimming and hockey skills then after half term, tag rugby.

In Art – We will explore landscape pictures using different media and use collage techniques to create a group art work.

In DT – we will further develop our sewing skills and make items from textiles.

HOMEWORK

Homework for Malumbe class will continue to be set daily. Homework should take 30 minutes each day. English homework is set on a Monday and Tuesday and is due in on Thursday, maths or topic homework is set on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and is due in on Monday. On top of this there will be weekly spellings, times tables and mental addition and subtraction test.

PE

Make sure that your children have their **swimming kits in school on Tuesday** and on **Wednesday** and they bring their **PE kits on a Thursday**. They should come into school in their normal uniform and will change into sports kit ready for the PE lesson.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLUB: We will have a weekly activities club on a Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm where the students will stay in their Malumbe bubble and have a chance to do a range of activities and/or complete some homework.

Please remember that students in Malumbe should be dropped off and picked up from the main carpark at the start and the end of the day (Unless they have younger siblings in Key Stage one or below). They must be wearing a facemask and it would be fantastic if they could have a second mask in a sealable plastic bag in case one gets damaged or dirty.

We continue to finish at 11.45 on a Friday.

Please, see below our weekly timetable.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 – 9.45	Spelling/handwriting	Spelling test Chichewa	Mental maths	Spelling/handwriting	Spelling/handwriting
	Maths		Maths	English	Maths
	English	Maths	English	Maths	English
9:45 – 10.15	Break	Break	Break	9.45 – 10.30 Break	Break
10.15 – 12.15	Mental maths	Mental maths	10.15 – 11.00 Swimming {MM}	Mental maths	Mental maths
	Topic	English		Topic	Art/DT
	Music	11.30 – 12.15 Swimming {MM}	Science	French	Reading
				12.00 – 13.00 PE {DZ}	11.45 End of School Day
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	Lunch/Break	13.00 – 13.30 Lunch/Break	
13.00 – 14.00	PSHCE	RE	ICT {FK}	Class meeting	
	Reading	Reading			