

# Kenya & Mexico

In Topic this term, Pear Class will explore the countries of Kenya and Mexico. We will be finding out about the landscape, climate and culture of both countries. Through our drawings and writing we shall also make contact with our pen-pals in the Good News Academy in Kenya.

In Maths this term we will expand on our understanding of number and place value, through counting, reading and correctly writing numbers in numerals and words (0-10 initially and then to 20). Number lines will help us to identify them and to count both forwards and backwards from any given number. Through sorting objects we shall develop our language of comparison such as *equal to*, *more than*, *less than (fewer)*, *most and least*. You can help at home by using this language when discussing quantities and by practising 'quick number facts' with your child e.g. number bonds to 10 or counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will continue to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes using accurate vocabulary.

In Science we will begin by looking at *Ourselves*, and the similarities and differences in our bodies and appearance since babyhood. We shall identify and label the basic body parts and link them to our senses. After half term we will be learning about other living creatures and, in particular, caring for pets. A role play area will extend our learning.

In P.E. we will be developing our games skills and learn how to keep fit and healthy. In addition to playing team games during our Monday and Friday timetabled sessions, we shall also be taking part in the Daily Mile to help boost our fitness.

In English we will read and retell stories from other cultures, such as *Handa's Surprise*, to help develop our short sentence writing. Children will develop their skills in forming letters correctly and consistently. They will develop their punctuation by using capital letters and full stops (where appropriate) and finger spaces between words. In Phonics, we will revise phases 2 and 3 before introducing the phase 4 blends. After half term we will focus on writing instructions.

Our school values this term are Creativity and Peace. In R.E. we will be looking at Creation and Incarnation. In P.S.H.E. we will learn about how our responsibilities change as we get older and, later in the term, we will think about how to treat the people around us.

In Music we will use our hands, voices and instruments to explore beat and rhythm. We shall also compose our own music. In Art we are learning about tones and colour mixing.



This term in Computing, we will be reminding ourselves of the importance of E-safety. We shall learn to log onto the laptops and i-pads and will further explore Itslearning to support other subject areas including Phonics and Maths.