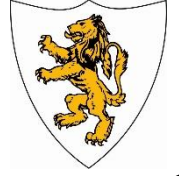




# Archer Class Newsletter



## Term 4

### English

Have you heard about Beegu the alien landing in the classroom? We will be retelling the story over the next couple of weeks. We are continuing to focus on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops – every time we write!

We will also be reading the book 'Paddington' and writing our own diary entry as Paddington.

### Maths

We will be partitioning numbers 17-20 and writing the matching addition and subtraction number sentences.

We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, practise addition within 10 – using objects and working to being able to recall number facts quickly.

**Topic – On Safari in Kenya.** We will be learning about the different continents and focussing on the African country of Kenya. We are lucky to have Mrs Cupples, Mrs Jenkins and a few of our own children who have first-hand experience of Kenya and what life is like there. We will be using their experiences as well as our curriculum knowledge to contrast Africa with the UK and make comparisons between the countries. We will learn African songs, create African inspired artwork, research habitats, learn Swahili and immerse ourselves into the beauty of Africa. Hakuna Matata!

### What else are we learning?

We will be learning how to play tennis this term. We will look at how to hold a racket properly as well as learning the volley, forehand and serve stroke.

In science we will continue to learn all about plants. We will be naming some common plants and trees as well as their parts, investigating which plants we can eat as well as the life cycle of plants. We hope to spend most of our Science lessons in the polytunnel planting and looking after our seeds.

In RE we will be thinking about who is special to us and how we might welcome special people to our towns/in our home.

### What do we need to remember?

Please bring book folders in **every day** as class adults read with your child. Books will be changed on a **Monday and Thursday** if the book has been read three times.

**PE- Wednesday (wear PE kit to school).**

**Forest School – Friday (wear kit to school).**

**Insufficient kit for these days will mean the children will be unable to take part in certain elements of the sessions.**

## On Safari! Would you rather live in England or Kenya?

### Key Vocabulary

Country	A large area of land that fits into a bigger continent
Continent	A very large area of and made up of different countries. There are seven continents
Ocean	A very large stretch of sea water
Equator	An imaginary line around the centre of the earth.
Physical Feature	Something that has come about naturally e.g. river
Human Feature	Something that has been put on earth by humans e.g. houses
Climate	The type of weather that a country has including rain and temperature
Savannah	Large grassland found in hot dry places
Safari	A trip through the savannah to see wild animals.
Drought	A long period of time with lots of heat and no rain
Difference	When things are not the same
Similarities	When things are the same
Compare	The way in which two things are the same and different
Carnivore	An animal that eats other animals
herbivore	A plant-eating animal
tribe	A group of people who live together
ancestors	People from your family who lived long ago



- The world is made up of 7 **continents** and 5 **oceans**.
- England is in the **continent** of **Europe**.
- England is surrounded by the **Atlantic Ocean**.
- Kenya is in the **continent** of **Africa**.
- It is surrounded by 3 different **oceans**

### Climate

- **Climate** means the type of weather that a country has.
- The world has an imaginary line running through it called the **Equator**.
- Countries like Africa which are **near the equator** are the **hottest countries**.
- Countries **far away from the equator** are the **coldest countries**

- Kenya is in the East of Africa.
- Kenya has its own **national Flag**.
- The two main languages spoken are **English and Swahili**.
- **Nairobi** is the capital of Kenya.
- The money is Kenya is called the **Kenyan shilling**



### The Savannah

- **The African Savannah** is a large area of **Grassland** with some trees and shrubs.
- For about **half the year** it is **very wet** with lots of rain.
- The other **half of the year** is **very dry** with hardly any rain at all.
- There are lots of animals in the **Savannah** because they like to graze on the grass and trees.



## Going on Safari

- In England we have foxes, squirrels, badgers, deer and hedgehogs as wild animals.
- In Africa the Savannah is home to lots large wild animals such as Lions, Rhinos, Giraffes, Elephants, leopards, cheetahs Buffaloes and Zebras, Gazelles and Hyenas.
- You can go to see these animals in their natural habitat by going on safari



## Weather and Seasons

- In England we have four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.
- Africa is hot all year round and doesn't have the same seasons as us.
- Instead of hot and cold seasons, they have wet and dry seasons.
- Every day in Africa, is hotter than in England.
- Even though the days are hot, the nights can be cool.
- Even when it rains it is hot.

## Size:

**Africa** is a very big **Continent**. There are 54 different countries in Africa. The United Kingdom would fit into Africa 120 times. On its own, **Kenya** is twice as big as the United Kingdom.



## Where do people live?

- Some people live modern lives in big cities and do jobs in shops and offices
- Some people do jobs such as farming and live in villages in the countryside- their houses may be built of wood and brick or mud and sticks.
- Some people live in tribes in huts made from wood and mud.
- People in the villages live in the same way their ancestors did 100s of years ago.
- Some villages don't have electricity or running water.

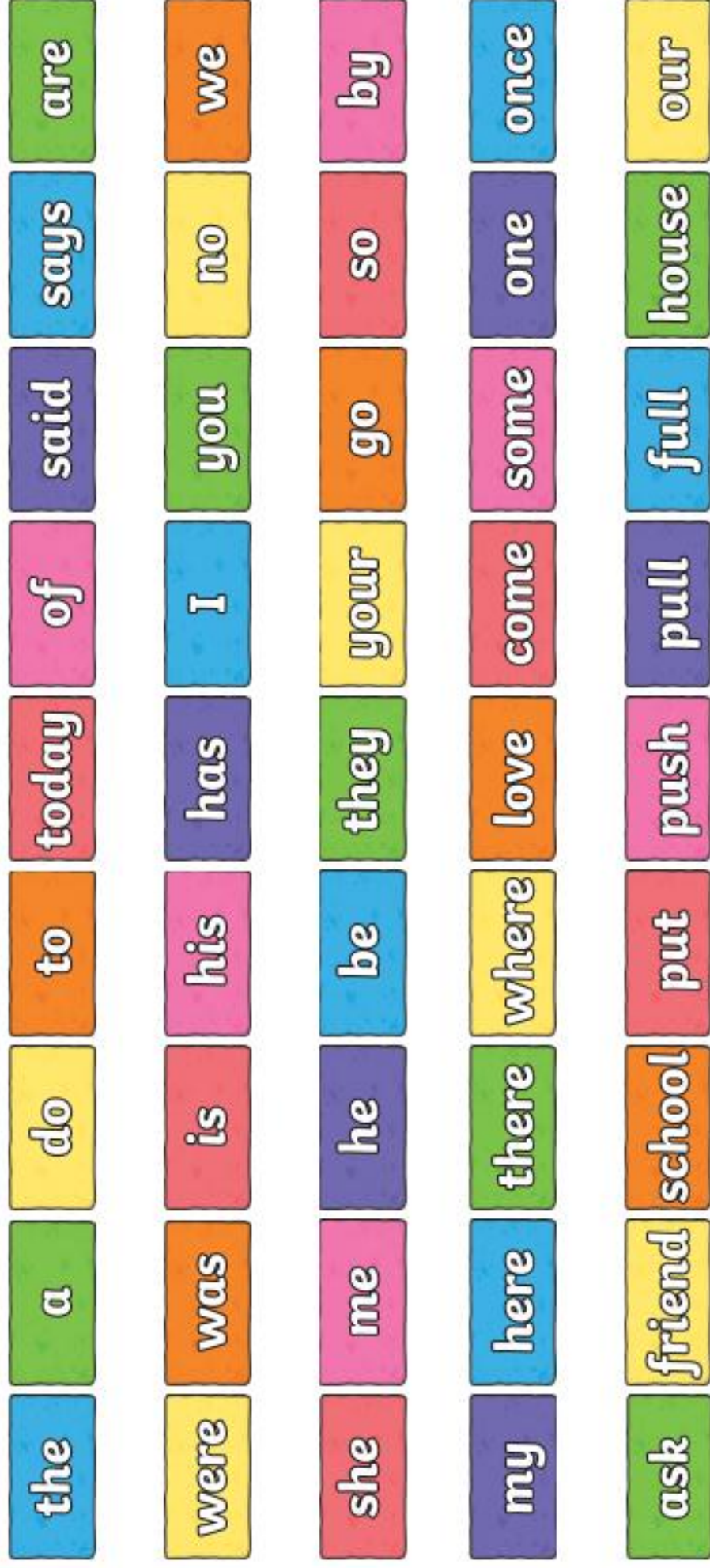
## Lots to see

Because Kenya is so big there are lots of different things to see and do:

- Beautiful sandy beaches that are hot all year round
- Snow topped mountains.
- Volcanoes- eg **Mount Kenya**- the largest mountain in Kenya
- Savannah
- Rivers
- Cities eg. **Nairobi, Mombassa**
- Small villages eg **Nanuki, Dani**

	English	Kenyan
city		
village		
house		
countryside		

# Year 1 Common Exception Words on Multicoloured Bricks



Keep practising reading and spelling these words at home!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Examples of 100 number square games to play

1. Which number is bigger than 15 but smaller than 19?
2. I'm thinking of a number... it has 2 tens and 3 ones.

What is my number?

3. What do you notice about the numbers when you count in 2s/5s/10s?