

## **Year 1 Half Term Activities**

After the half term break, Year 1 will be starting a topic on Africa. Please see below a list of activities that your child can do over the break in preparation for this exciting topic.

- Research a country of your choosing in Africa and create a fact file about it. In the fact file, please include:
  - The name of the country
  - The capital city of the country
  - Traditional food eaten and served in the country
  - Festivals and holidays that are celebrated in the country
  - Have your child draw the flag of the country as well
- Cook a traditional dish from an African country of your choosing.
- Listen to music from some different African countries.
- Research an animal that is native to Africa. Create a fact file about that animal that includes:
  - Where the animal lives (habitat)
  - What the animal eats (diet)
  - What the animal looks like (appearance)
  - Have your child create a drawing of the animal as well
- Paint a picture of an animal native to Africa.
- Create a model of an animal native to Africa. Your child could use clay or they could do this by using recyclable materials such as: toilet rolls, cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.
- Use a cereal box or a shoebox to create a diorama of a safari.
- Read 'Handa's Surprise' and then make a fruit salad.
- Research a famous person who comes from Africa and have your child make a poster about them.
- Read 'The Leopard's Drum' and have your child make their own instrument using recyclable materials at home such as: toilet rolls, tissue boxes, egg cartons, etc.
- Make an African mask.
- Find Africa on the world map and look at all the different countries that make up the continent.
- Read 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' and then have your child play some of the games on the WaterAid website:  
<https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/teaching/films-games-and-songs>  
(Can be accessed by going to the WaterAid homepage and then clicking > Get involved > Schools and teachers > Games, films and songs).