



#### Our Learning Journey

This week we have been reading the story Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain, a traditional Kenyan story. Miss Joyce brought in some special things and photos from Kenya and the children were excited to hear about it and had lots of questions! They have been busy in the Travel Agent all week, booking their holidays to Kenya and exploring maps to find other places to visit. The children are enjoying using their new phonics skills to begin to sound out and write words independently. They are becoming independent writers!



In maths, the children have been continuing to build on their understanding of number, exploring how to partition numbers in different ways. They really enjoy using the Number Blocks to work things out and are beginning to work with a partner to explore and solve problems.

#### Our Home Learning

**Phonics:** this week, we have learned the sounds h, b and f. Please continue to support your child with orally blending and segmenting words, drawing their attention to the initial sounds.

**Reading:** we will be sending home reading books next week, a story book for sharing and a reading book containing decodable words. Please see the letter given out by the class teacher about reading books for more information.

##### Book Change Days:

Reception A – Tuesday

Reception B - Wednesday

**Maths:** continue to practice number recognition and counting skills in every day contexts (e.g. stairs, toys, food on their plate etc). The Number blocks videos are a fantastic resource to support children's understanding of number and can be found on BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?page=2>

#### Our Learning Toolkit

We have been using our asking questions tool a lot this week. We have been asking questions about Kenya and all of the new words in our story, Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain.



#### Dates for your Diary

##### General Dates

Reception, Year 1  
& Year 2  
Assemblies  
@ 9am Upper Hall  
All Welcome  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

##### Winter Fair

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December  
3:00pm – 4:30pm

##### Science Workshops

Reception – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
@ 9am  
or  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November @6pm

Please come and support your child's scientific learning by attending their workshop (a morning or evening session available for all year groups). You will receive some resources & lots of practical tips to take home!



##### Learning Reviews

Reception – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
08:45am – 7pm

This is a perfect opportunity for you to spend 15 minutes talking with your child and their teacher about their learning. You will get the chance to look at your child's books/folders and find out what they enjoy doing at school. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you at the learning review. Appointments are available from **08:45am – 7pm** & can be booked through the office.

