



# OLOTR: Year 2 – Spider Monkeys

## Class Newsletter February 2022



### AUTUMN TERM



This half-term we have worked exceptionally hard learning lots of new skills. In design technology, we designed and made our own moving vehicles with wheels and axles. As scientists, during our topic on plants, we dissected a bean seed and a crocus bulb because we wanted to find out where plants come from. We closely observed fruit seeds because we wanted to find out if bigger fruits always have bigger seeds. We also planted cress seeds to find out what plants need to grow. As geographers, we have been comparing Kenya and the UK, looking at physical and human features of a Kenyan school and our school. We also created our own map of our classroom. In computing, we have been learning about algorithms and designed a map so we could program the Bee Bot to move around. To introduce our RE topic on books, we brought an important book in from home to discuss and share. We learned all about the different books used in church, including the Bible.



### EARLY BIRDS BOOK CLUB



Early Birds Book Club has been a real success so far! In a calm, relaxing environment, we have enjoyed individual reading, paired reading and listening to our friends read to us, whilst munching on yummy breakfast treats like croissants!

### NEXT HALF-TERM

Over this next half-term, we have lots of fun-filled lessons planned. In English, we will be learning to write letters and short adventure stories linked to our class text, 'Grandad's Island'. In maths, we will be developing our understanding of fractions and finding a quarter, third and half of a shape and quantity. In RE, we will be learning about Lent, the opportunity to turn towards what is good in preparation for Easter. In addition, we will be celebrating Holy Week through a range of class liturgies. In science, we will be finding out about the work of British Biologist Charles Elton and ways of staying healthy.

### LET'S CELEBRATE!

In class, we have a range of weekly certificates up for grabs. Some of these include:

- Vocabulary ninja of the week
- Writer of the week
- Mathematician of the week
- Scientist of the week
- Geographer of the week

So far to date, Spider Monkeys attendance is 90.8%.

Let's see if we can improve this next term.

**Our school council class representative is Kendall.**

