

# Ladybird Learning

w/b 6th March 2023



This week we have continued our learning around the curriculum theme of 'Amazing Africa'.

We have...

- Compared the lives of children living in urban Kenya and rural Kenya. We met Nana who lives near the city of Nairobi and Nareshia, a Maasai girl who lives in the Maasai Mara area of Kenya. We spotted lots of similarities and differences when we compared their homes, school, food, clothing and daily activities to our own lives.
- Learned lots of interesting facts about the Maasai tribe of Kenya and used our phonic skills to record our findings. Ask us what we remember about these amazing people.
- Created our own decorative neck collars based on the traditional jewellery of the Maasai people. The coloured beads used in their necklaces have special meanings, for example red represents strength and blue represents the sky which brings the rain.
- Explored 3d shape and patterns in our maths sessions. We are becoming super confident in continuing more complex repeating patterns now.
- Learned a few hip hop moves in our P.E. session this week to add to our dance repertoire of hula dancing and rock and roll. Next week: ballet.

## Home Challenge



This week's challenge is a tricky word one. Each week we have an early morning activity to find the tricky words we are learning in some of our story books in class. Some of us are super quick at spotting these words!

Tricky words need to be practised frequently at home to ensure your child can read them on sight with confidence and speed. Practice really does make perfect! Look for the tricky word book mark on your child's reading log book to check which tricky words they are currently learning. All should now be familiar with Phase 2 and be learning Phase 3 words. Those already showing competence with these words will be bringing home Phase 4 words.

As always, try turning the learning of tricky words into a game. You could hide the words around the house to go on a tricky word scavenger hunt, create a target game- why not put some out in the garden and use a water pistol to splat the words you can read? Look for tricky words when you are out and about; on signs and posters for example.

'Help the hedgehog' is an online game we use at school. Simply enter the words you want into the word bank and see how many you can read before the sand runs out!

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/helpAHedgehog/>



Have fun!