

# Starlings' News

Autumn term 2023 • Mrs Nathan: [starlings@eppingupland.efspt.org](mailto:starlings@eppingupland.efspt.org)

## CURRICULUM

**Art** lessons will reflect our topic work and we will focus on developing our painting and collage skills. In **Computing** we will be developing our understanding of programming using inputs and outputs. The children will also use the computers to research Africa.

**RSE** will be focusing on developing and maintaining positive friendships. We will also continue to focus on **Mindfulness** and good **Mental Health**.

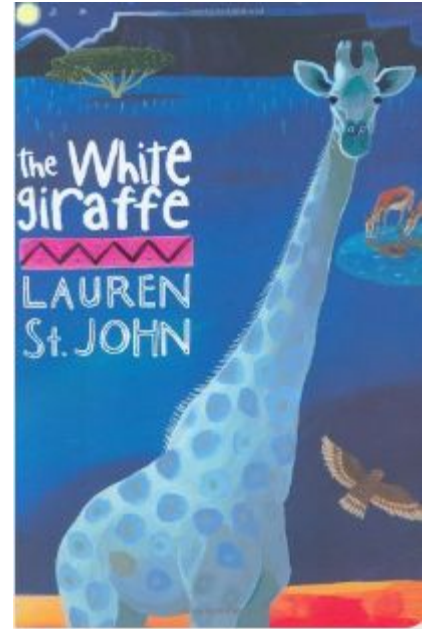
**Music** this term will focus on rhythm and African drumming.

In **French** lessons we will sing songs and play interactive games to help us learn about animals using French vocabulary.

## First Term in Year 3

I hope that you had a lovely Summer break and that you are just as excited for the Autumn term as I am!

Our first main topics are **Africa** and **Ancient Egypt**. We will be exploring the different physical geographical areas in the African continent including: desert, savannah, rainforest, mountains, waterfalls and rivers. In History we will be learning about the ancient civilization of Egypt. We will look at how the pyramids were built, and the importance of sarcophagus and canopic jars.



*Our Class Reader.*

## PE REMINDER

*Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Children should come into school in their PE kit on these days and earrings must be removed.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

### ENGLISH

In English we will read a range of texts. The children will write a non-chronological report about African safari and a set of instructions linked to our Ancient Egyptian topic. Your support with listening to your child/ren read at home regularly is greatly appreciated. Please ensure that reading diaries are in school every Monday.

### MATHS

In Maths we are learning about place value and identifying numbers up to a thousand. We will focus on addition and subtraction skills paying attention to crossing over tens with two digit and three digit numbers. We will use multiplication and division skills using arrays and equal groups. We will also use reasoning skills and solve problems mentally and use the formal written methods.

### SCIENCE

Our first Science topic is Animals including humans. We will discover what keeps animals and humans healthy by learning about the essential food groups and classifying animals by what they eat.

We will also learn about skeletons and muscles and their important functions.