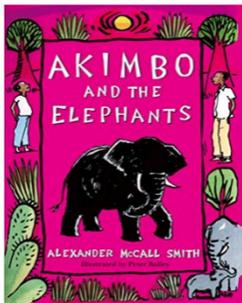
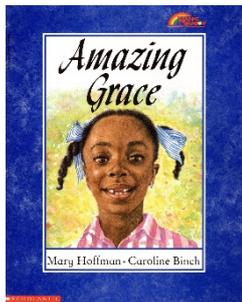


Year 2 Spring 1 books

During Spring 1, Year 2 will be reading 'Akimbo and the Elephants' by Alexander McCall Smith and 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch



Akimbo and the Elephants is about a young boy who lives on the edge of a large game reserve in the heart of Africa. His father works in the reserve keeping the animals safe from poachers. Akimbo cannot bear what is happening to the elephants. He believes there is only one way to stop the poachers, and that was to become an elephant hunter himself!



Amazing Grace is about a young girl who loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part; sometimes she is a 'cast of thousands'. When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black. However, Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants to be if she puts her mind to it.

We will be using these books to:

- Learn to use senses when writing a description
 - Produce a persuasive argument.
- Create inferences and predictions about what might happen.

We will be using these books to write a detailed description of a setting. We will be using alliteration in persuasive writing. We will also be letter writing. It would be helpful for your child to have read these books during the break so that they are familiar with it. Please find attached at the back of this letter a word mat with key vocabulary we will be using this term. Some useful links for skills that they will be learning in Year 2 can be found on Espresso and BBC Bitesize:

Letter formation:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zgjj6sg>

https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/modules/el_handwriting/index.html?source=subject--KSI--Resource%20types

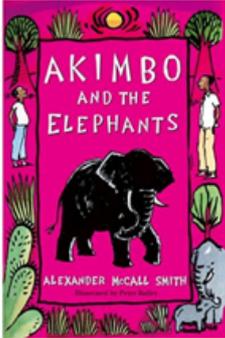
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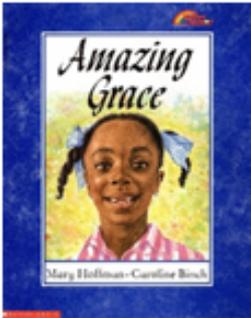
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Using full stops and capital letters:

https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/primary_uk/subject/module/frontscreen/item910313/gradel/index.html

Please continue to practise the Year 2 spelling words with your child.

Elephant 	Plains 	Poacher 
Ivory Tusk 		Africa 
Baboon 	Game Reserve 	Leopard 

Peter Pan 	Theatre 	Play 
Ballet 		Auditions 
Imagine 		Success 