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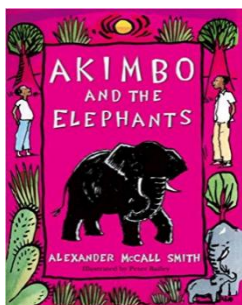
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English Writing Update - Year 2, Spring 1

During Spring 1, Year 2 will be reading 'Akimbo and the Elephants' by Alexander McCall Smith.



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!

We will be using this book to:

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

It would be helpful for your child to have read this book during the break so that they are familiar with them. 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 BBC Bitesize:

Letter formation:

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

Using adjectives:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zy2r6yc>

Using full stops and capital letters:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7s48hv>

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 2 Team



Elephant



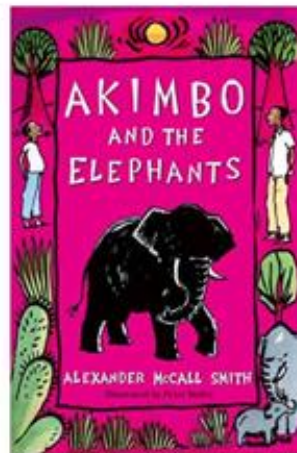
Plains



Poacher



Ivory Tusk



Africa



Baboon



Game Reserve



Leopard

