**Week Beginning- Spring 2017, week 9, 06.3.17**

Dear Parents,

Sailor Bear is still in South Africa this week and we will be finding out more about the country using the computers and non-fiction books. We will be making cards based around our Power of Reading book – Anna Hibiscus’s Song. We will be encouraging the children to sound out the words, use some tricky words, finger spaces, capital letters and punctuation.

In Mathematics we will be focusing on repeating patterns, 2D and 3D shapes. To support your child at home you can encourage them to notice shapes in the environment and play the following computer games at home.

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/activity/Compare-Shapes-Opposite-Statements-203>

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/shapes_shoot.htm>

Please can you bring in any junk modelling equipment you have at home, e.g. cereal boxes, materials, tubes, as the children will be making African animals this week.

Many Thanks for your help and support

The Early Years Team