

ENGLISH

We will begin the term with a non-fiction focus on journal writing using the book 'Lion Journal' as inspiration. We will explore other African animals and use this as a stimulus for writing in many forms. During this time we will read the novel 'Fastest Boy on Earth'. This will be used as inspiration for narrative writing with an African theme.

There will be a heavy focus on spelling and grammar. This half term we will concentrate on sentence structure, expanded noun phrases and adverbial phrases all linked to verb forms and tenses. How you can help: Learn spellings and complete home learning tasks. Reading regularly and widely is also vital.

COMPUTING

We will look at internet safety and how something online, can be seen and affect others. We will compare climate, landscape and animals through data base programmes. There will be opportunity to refine our skills using Powerpoint.

PSHE

Children will understand their rights and responsibilities in the school. Children will have chance to explore what a role model is as well as look at their own qualities and values. We will be looking at finance and poverty and comparing life here and in Africa.

PE

We will be learning and perfecting our netball and team sport skills. We will be outside as much as possible so it is important that children have appropriate footwear and kit. The sports coaching sessions will continue throughout this term and will focus on gymnastics and rope skip-

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Africa

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

We will start by looking at Africa as a continent and then individual countries. We will consider the diverse cultures in Africa. There will be lots of map work and data collection for our computing data bases. We will look at human geography of Africa and consider fair trade, poverty, famine and water shortages. We will consider the future of African countries.

History will focus on the development of the Kingdom of Benin from CE 900—1300 and consider historical evidence and the legacy of the first rulers of the Edo people.

SCIENCE

The science this half term will focus on investigation skills. There will be many opportunities to carry out experiments in school related to the book Fastest Boy on Earth and the equipment needed for athletes in hot and humid climates. The children will get opportunity to design their own experiments. We will look at famous African scientists.

FRENCH

Children will spend this term revising and developing new language, talking about school and numbers. This will be practical to encourage the pupils to develop their language skills.

MUSIC

We will be learning rhythms through Djembe (African drumming) as well as learning songs to celebrate South Africa. Children will explore many different styles of Africa music and will have chance to make their own.

MATHS

It is really important that children are secure in number and place value, being able to read and write numbers up to 10 million, and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. Children need to be able to use place value to add and subtract large numbers mentally. Children will then ensure they are secure using the column method for addition and subtraction before moving on to long division and multiplication. We are going to be exploring how calculations can be worked through in different ways and that children are able to recognise which methods work best for them. Times Tables are going to be recited regularly to help secure recall of facts. How you can help: Ensure your child is completing homework tasks and practising their times tables.

RE

Pupils will be exploring what it means to be the 'People of God' through the eyes of Moses and highlighting the need to follow God's law and by upholding the commandments, we uphold the will of God. The children will then be exploring how upholding the will of God involves personal choices and often sacrifices. We will then move to the concept of heaven and the Church's belief in Mary and the feasts celebrated in her honour. There will also be a multi-faith element, focussing on Hinduism.

ART & DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

We will focus the art around Tingatinga art which uses bright colours and designs inspired by nature. We will also look at West African sand paintings and experiment with tribal batik.

In DT children will learn about seasonality and food production in Africa. We will also have opportunity to prepare and cook a variety of African dishes.