

ENGLISH

As readers and writers... we will begin the term with a non-fiction focus on journal writing using the book "Lion Journal" as inspiration. We will research 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 strong 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: support your son/ daughter to learn spellings and complete home learning tasks. Reading regularly and widely is also vital.

COMPUTING

As digital citizens... we will look at online safety and how something online can be seen and affect others. We will be exploring coding and using our new computing package—Purple Mash. There will be opportunity to refine our skills using Powerpoint and learning to type at speed.

PSHE

Children will understand their rights and responsibilities in the school. They 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

As athletes ... we will be learning and perfecting our net-ball and team sport skills. We will be outside as much as possible, so it is important that children have appropriate footwear and kit. The children will also focus on gymnastics during their sports coaching sessions this term.

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Africa

GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY

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

As historians... we 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

As scientists... we will focus on investigative skills this half term. There will be lots of 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 also look at famous African scientists.

FRENCH

As linguists... we will spend this term revising and developing new language, talking about school and numbers. Lessons will be primarily oral, to encourage the pupils to develop their language skills.

MUSIC

As musicians... 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 African music and will have chance to make their own.

MATHS

As mathematicians... we will practise being able to read and write numbers up to 10 million, and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000 so that pupils are secure in their understanding of place value. Children will also use place value to add and subtract large numbers mentally. It is important that children are secure using the column method for addition and subtraction, after which we will move onto long division and multiplication. We are going to be exploring how calculations can be worked through in different ways and ensure 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

As theologians... we 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; 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, considering the importance of the prophet Muhammad to the Islamic faith.

ART & DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

As artists... we will focus on 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.

As designers ... we will learn about seasonality and food production in Africa. We will also have opportunity to prepare and cook a variety of African dishes.