

YEAR FOUR CURRICULUM FOCUS

Spring 2023



Topic Title: Amazing Africa

English

In English this term we will be exploring African folktales, considering how they are timeless and always teach a lesson! We will endeavour to write our own folktale inspired by those we read as well as a playscript based on the Anansi tales. Further, we will be looking at the biographies of inspiring Africans such as Nelson Mandela and Wangari Maathai and choosing our own influential person to research and write a biography for. Finally we will be considering what needs to go into an explanation text so that we can write one based on our Science topic.



Maths

In Maths this term we will be looking at:

- Timestables and their patterns with a particular focus on 3,6,9,12 and 7
- Understanding multiplicative relationships
- Reading and plotting coordinates

Science

First in science this term we will be looking at states of matter considering the properties of solids, liquids and gases and using our knowledge to compare and group them. We will also explore if and how matter changes state when heated and cooled.

After half term we will be focussing on sound- identifying how sound is made, conducting experiments to investigate pitch and volume and understanding that sounds must travel through a medium to reach the ear.

Foundation Subjects

Humanities: This term we will be exploring the amazing continent of Africa, looking at what life and landscape is like across the continent and comparing it to our own. We will also be researching the ancient kingdom of Benin.

Art: Continuing with the amazing Africa theme we will be looking at the cultural significance of African tribal masks and sculpting our own.

RE: In RE we will be considering what it means to belong to a religion.

DT: Next half-term in DT we will be looking at different mechanisms and endeavouring to make our own slingshot cars!

PSHE: In PSHE we will be considering what constitutes a community and personal safety.

Homework Expectations:

Each week can you please:

- Do three sessions on Spelling Shed
- Read at least 4 times a week – bookmarks need to be initialled each time a child reads with an adult
- Maths homework will change throughout the term but will always equate to spending 21 minutes (3 minutes a day) on TTRS. The change in gameplay is carefully planned to ensure the best preparation for the MTC in June

Additional Information & Reminders:

- PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays, please can children come to school in their PE kit.
- Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the changing weather- coats should be brought daily.
- It is important that children stay hydrated, please can they bring a reusable bottle of fresh water daily.