

Spring Term 2020

Year 5



Amazing Africa

English

In English this term the children will be learning about apartheid in South Africa by reading *Journey to Jo'burg* and *Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*.

We will revisit newspaper reports and diary entries, building on prior learning, as well as covering new text types such as character descriptions, poetry and a biography. We will be learning about relative clauses and parenthesis in grammar, as well as consolidating grammar and spelling taught earlier this year.

Science

In science this term we will be exploring forces and carrying out investigations to look at the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will be exploring gravity which links in with our Autumn work and looking at the work of Sir Isaac Newton.

Mathematics

In Maths the children will cover all areas of the curriculum including calculations, measurement, fractions and understanding shape. Children will practice and develop their knowledge of times tables facts and number bonds to ensure success throughout the whole mathematics curriculum. Children will carry out investigations and widen their experience of practical maths.

History/Geography

This term, Year 5 are studying the times of apartheid in South Africa, as well as about the countries of Africa. We will compare and contrast the geographical features in this country as well as looking at biomes and sketch maps. We will explore the life of Rosa Parks and the impact of her actions.

French

The theme of the learning is "manger et boire", which means the children will be finding out more about food and drink in the French language and exploring the French supermarket.

Art/DT

In Art and DT we will follow the theme of Africa. We will create our own patterns, inspired by artist Bisa Butler. We will also be creating watercolour silhouette images of the African savannah.

PE

Children will have the opportunity in PE to develop their dance and gymnastics skills. They will be developing their badminton skills. Children in Mrs Middleton's class will also receive half a term of swimming tuition.

RE/PHSE

In RE we will be exploring Hinduism and Buddhism. In PHSE we will be looking at 'Going for Goals' and thinking about our future plans.

Music

During music lessons the children will learn traditional African music, alongside taking part in the BBC Ten Pieces project looking at the work of Florence Price.

ICT

In ICT this term we are finding out what is a computer and what is not! We will find out what is inside our favourite devices and how they work.

