



Curriculum Information – Africa



Autumn Term

Year 5 – The Meerkats & The Turtles

Maths

In Maths, the children will cover all areas of the curriculum, including calculations, measurement, fractions, and shape. They will also practise and develop their knowledge of times tables and number bonds to support success across the entire maths curriculum.

Challenge your child on their times tables.



Science

In Science this term, we will be exploring Earth and Space, learning about the planets in our solar system. In Autumn 2, our focus will shift to forces and mechanisms, where we will investigate how they work and the effects they have.

Can you and your child identify any forces they see in the world around them?

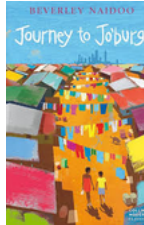


English

This term, we will be creating our own journey tales and writing a persuasive letter inspired by our class text, Journey to Jo'burg.

In Autumn 2, we will learn about the life of Nelson Mandela, exploring his impact on racial inequality through the writing of a biography.

Ask your child what they know about the story Journey to Jo'burg.



Geography

In Geography, we will be developing our mapping skills by comparing maps with aerial photographs. We will also revisit our locational knowledge by identifying countries and regions near the Equator.

Art / DT

In Art, we will be creating vibrant pieces inspired by Edward Tinga Tinga, using bold colours to sketch African animals. In Design and Technology, the children will design and make African masks influenced by the work of Modigliani, selecting appropriate materials to meet a specific design brief.

History

We will be learning about significant people from North Shields who contributed to the abolition of slavery. Additionally, we will study the Apartheid era in South Africa and explore the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, a key anti-apartheid activist and political leader.

French

Our theme this term is “Mon école et moi”, which means “My school and me”. We will be recapping how to tell the time and learning how to talk about different school subjects. By the end of the unit, we will be able to express which subjects we like and dislike, giving our opinions confidently in French.

Music

In Music, the children will explore traditional African music and learn to play the djembe drums. They will also study the work of composer Errollyn Wallen and create their own musical pieces inspired by her compositions.

PE

This term, children will develop their badminton skills, focusing on serving and returning the shuttlecock. They will also enhance their invasion game techniques through basketball. Additionally, children will build their confidence and competence in riding a bike safely.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Christianity, focusing on our big question: Does belief in the Trinity help us to understand God better as a whole? We will be exploring the concept of the Trinity and its significance within Christian faith.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on how to keep safe and learn about identifying people we can trust.

Computing

This term, children will learn how to stay safe online and will begin our coding project with Lego League.