

We have a busy term ahead! In our **topic**, we will be learning all about the continent of Africa, both from geographical and historical viewpoints. Wherever possible, we will be making links throughout the curriculum to the theme of Africa to reinforce our learning.

In **Music** lessons, we will continue learning about aspects such as rhythm, and pitch. We will also continue to improve our recorder playing and reading of musical notation.

In **P.S.H.E.**, we will explore 'working together': developing team working skills, and considering how to reach good decisions. We will also examine how to stay safe in the world around us.

In our **French** lessons, we will learn to talk about the school day and tell the time.

Much of our writing in **English** will be related to our topic of Africa; the text types we will cover include reports, explanations and narrative. Recommended reading will be 'Journey to Jo'berg' by Beverley Naidoo and 'Long Walk to Freedom' by Nelson Mandela. We will continue to improve our reading comprehension through weekly lessons and our guided reading sessions. Our **G.P.S.** lessons will cover various word types, prefixes and suffixes, and turning nouns and adjectives into verbs. There will be quite an emphasis on spelling this term.

Spring Term

Year Five

The two units being covered in **Science** this term are 'animals and humans' and 'living things and habitats'. We will study lifecycles, reproduction, gestation periods and life expectancy as well as looking at why animals and plants are found in specific environments.

In **R.E.**, we will be exploring 'Incarnation' and 'Salvation'. We will also be thinking about our Christian Values for the term: Courage and Forgiveness.

In **P.E.**, we will continue to improve our fitness and strength in aerobics sessions. In addition, we will be practising our tennis skills.

This term we will create our own web page using google sites as part of our **computing** studies. Our websites will include information, pictures and links about Africa.

During our **Maths** sessions this term, we will be covering multiplication and division (written methods), fractions, decimals and percentages. Please continue to support your child with the learning of their times tables. These facts are vital to support the concepts this term.

In **Art**, we will be creating art work linked to African traditions such as batik.

