

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.

In **Music** lessons, we will use conventions found in traditional African music to explore call and answer, ostinato, poly-rhythms and the use of mnemonics, through games, song and whole class ensemble performance. We will then look at reggae, seeing it is an important music genre.

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

In **P.E.**, we will continue to improve our fitness, agility, and strength in dodgeball. In addition, we will be practising our tennis skills, netball skills and athletics.

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. Our **DT** will include the making of marionette puppets and some cooking.

In **PSHE** we will look at topics of interest affecting the wider world, such as, Climate change, Fake news, Age restrictions on media content, Careers and stereotypes as well as a few topics dealing with success, independence and responsibility.

In **R.E.**, we will be exploring the way Hindus view the world. Through developing an understanding of their Gods and beliefs such as Karma, Moksha, Dharma and Murti. Our school values are Courage and Forgiveness.



Africa

Spring Term

Year Five

Much of our writing in **English** will be related to our topic of Africa; the text types include reports, explanations, instructions and narrative. We will be reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo as we discuss apartheid in South Africa. 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.

The two units being covered in **Science** this term are Earth and Space and Properties of materials.

We will study the Solar System and discover things about planets.

We will investigate how we get our days and seasons. We will investigate the structure of materials and consider their uses in practical terms.

In **computing** we will be using the Scratch programming environment. We will use our knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task. We will then later look at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records.