

Year 6 - Autumn Term

English	We continue learning how to read and write a range of text types with a particular focus on different genres (this will link closely with our topic about Africa). We use short traditional stories to inspire our own writing. We carry out an author study on the South African writer Beverly Naidoo; we write biographies and book reviews. We will continue developing our understanding of grammatical terminology and its uses.
Maths	We will be learning about a wide range of mathematical skills and consolidating our own understanding of the formal written calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including fractions. We will be applying our mathematical thinking and knowledge to develop our problem solving skills.
Science	The unit is Evolution and Inheritance. We look at how animals and plants adapt to their environment. In addition to this, the children study the work of Darwin and his findings on evolution.
RE	We learn about the beliefs and practises in different religions and then focus on the Quran and its importance in Islam. In the second half of the term we explore the concepts of death and afterlife; discussing these concepts in relation to the beliefs of various religions.
PSHCE	We learn about democracy and freedom and responsibility. Children discuss how to manage risk and how to respond in an emergency.
Computing	Children learn about E- safety and begin to recognise that different viewpoints can be found on the web. We critically evaluate the information they use, and understand some of the potential dangers of not doing so. They also develop their use of Google Classroom by completing various class assignments.
PE	Both P.E lessons will be held outdoors. Children will learn the importance of physical education and will play a multitude of non-contact games to keep fit and healthy.
Topic	Africa
History	We learn all about Africa and the many different cultures and traditions. Children research the origins of slavery and the impact it had on Africa and the wider world. We also look at the ancient civilisation of Benin and the fantastic artwork produced during this period.
Geography	We use atlases, maps and other geographical sources of information to examine the physical and human features of Africa and compare them to places across the world.
DT	We look at a range of African dishes and make a savoury meal. In light of the current events this activity might be moved to the Spring term.
Art	We develop our observational drawing skills and we are creating self-portraits in different styles to convey emotion.
Music	Children learn music notation in steel pans lessons.
Spanish	Children use songs and games to learn how to tell the time. They also talk about the different school subjects. They create a written diary about their school activities.