

Curriculum Newsletter

Come Fly With Me!
Africa

Theme Overview

"Come Fly With Me! Africa" is a thematic unit based around the continent of Africa, with a key focus on geography and history. Pupils will learn about the location of Africa and identify its largest countries. Alongside this geography element, they will study the Benin era. They will also learn about African culture, in particular typical African food and folk tales.

Computing

Multimedia

Literacy Links

Traditional Stories
Choral and Performance Poetry

Art

Lion King Masks

Dance

African Dance

Music

African Music / Call and Response

PSHE

Food and
Nutrition
Balanced Diet

Science

Animals, Including Humans

Other Information

Reading

To encourage a love of reading and support our work in English, we are going to study at least one key book per term, linked to the topic. The book for this term will be **The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo**. School has bought copies of this book for the children to share, but if you do have a copy at home or would like to purchase a copy for your child to use in school, please feel free to do so. Please make sure that your child's name is written in the front of the book before they bring it to school.

Home Learning

Weekly Home Learning (Compulsory)

Reading: As always, we will be encouraging the children to **read** as often as possible. Please remember to sign your child's reading card (maximum once per day) .

Spelling: To help them learn their weekly spellings, the children are expected to complete some activities on the Spelling Shed website each week. There will be a spelling test each Friday.

Maths: We will be continuing to have a focus on **times tables** to make sure that all children are able to recall the times tables up to 12 x 12 (Year 4) 2,3,4,5,8,10 x 12 (Year 3) as well as the corresponding division facts. Each week, the children are expected to practise at home using '**Times Tables Rock Stars**'. There will be dojos for the children who go above and beyond the homework set for them.

Creative Home Learning (**Optional**) Here are some choices of creative homework projects. If you choose to do one or more of them, they can be brought to school at any time during the 6week topic.

Find out about a famous African and write a paragraph to sum up their life using no more than 400 words

Design a poster advertising Fairtrade African food.

Choose three African countries and represent their flags in whichever way you choose.

Using any media of choice, make your own African musical instrument.

Research an African recipe and make it.