



Africa - A history and geography focused project

In this project, we will be learning about Africa past and present. We will begin by researching the countries that make up the World's 2nd largest continent and the wide range of physical and human features.

We will then travel back in time to learn about The Ancient Kingdom of Benin. We will find out about Benin's location, the religious beliefs of its people, their daily life and the social hierarchy. We will finish our topic by exploring Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade and in its abolition in 19th century.

Numeracy

After the completion of our SATs, Maths lessons will become project based, with the emphasis on children recalling and applying their mathematical skills and knowledge to solve a series of real life problems. We will continue to have a **times tables test** and an arithmetic test every **Friday** (please ensure that your child practises their times tables and calculation methods each week).

Literacy

READING: Children **MUST** be reading regularly at home to an adult (at least 10 minutes, 5 times a week).

SPELLING: We will have a weekly **spelling test**, every **Friday**. Spellings will be sent out at the beginning of term and are **available on our class page** on the school website. Please ensure that your child learns these each week.

GUIDED READING: To help improve our reading comprehension, we will have guided reading every day. This term we will be focusing on how to use our reading skills to answer SATs style questions effectively and efficiently.

Computing & DT

In our computing lessons, we will learn how to create 3D designs using software. Once we know how to do this, in our DT lessons we will create a 3D African print design, transfer this design onto fabric and use sewing techniques to create a mobile phone case.

Music

Our Music lessons will focus on learning the songs for our Leavers' Musical. Please could you encourage your child to practise these songs at home as well.

PSHE

We will start thinking about the transition from primary to secondary school. Our PSHE lessons will explore: Relationships and Changing Me.

RE

Our RE lessons this term will focus on an alternative faith: Islam. Children will explore the question: Does belief in Akirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

Science

Our science topic this term is our 'animals including humans' - focusing specifically on the circulatory system. We will begin by examining the structure of a heart and identifying the different parts, veins and arteries. We will then look at what our blood is made of and explore the difference between blood groups. Finally, we will look at how to keep our heart healthy, e.g. through regular exercise, and what happens when we make unhealthy choices.

ART

We will begin by studying the work of South African artist: William Kentridge who uses charcoal to organise line, tone and shape to represent figures and form on movement. We will learn how to use charcoal to draw our own figures. We will then move on to look at the work of Zimbabwean Sculptor: Clyde Bango who creates beautiful sculptures using just wire. We will create wire figures based on our Kentridge designs.

PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by Mr Bazell on a **Friday** afternoon. In term 5, our topic will be athletics (preparing us for Sports Day). In term 6, our topic will be games focusing on striking and fielding. Please ensure pupils wear appropriate PE kit to school on PE days.