



## Year 5 Spring Term

### Amazing Africa



#### **Let's spring into action in 2021!**

**As we move into a new year, we have lots planned for Year 5. We will continue our new exciting, thematic approach to teaching allowing children to make connections between areas of learning and consolidate skills. This term the focus will be Amazing Africa!**

**MFL, PSHEe, R.E and Science will be taught discreetly.**

#### **Maths**

As mathematicians in Year 5, the children will be continuing to develop their mental maths skills including improving their times tables knowledge and speed. Mental and written strategies of the four rules of number will be a key focus again in Arithmetic, however the children will begin to apply their skills to problems involving multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages! Children will also consolidate their understanding of written calculations. Don't forget to check out our calculation policy on the school website.

#### **English**

In English, we will be using a number of texts linked to our thematic topic of Amazing Africa. The children will be learning how to develop their use of grammar and punctuation (e.g. using commas, brackets and colons). We will cover narrative poetry, non-chronological reports, recounts, autobiographies and narratives. The children will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis linked to both their class spellings phonics'. Children are also encouraged to read regularly and continue to complete detailed reading journals.

#### **Science**

As scientists the children will continue to learn about Forces. This topic includes identifying pushes and pulls and explaining the effects of friction. They will move onto looking at the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. As well as all this, they will learn about reproduction in some plants and animals. Pupils will also learn about develop their understanding of animal habitats. Children will be given a range of opportunities to work scientifically throughout the term.

#### **R.E.**

The children will continue to learn about when, how and why Christians pray. They will then look a how and why do Muslims, Jewish people and Hindus pray?

#### **M.F.L.**

An exciting new development will be taking place with regards to the teaching of a Modern Foreign Language. More news to follow!!

#### **History/Geography**

As our theme this term is Amazing Africa, we will be looking closely at the continent of Africa, exploring the human and physical geography including rivers and mountains and settlements. They will be able to identify the biomes of Africa and research the impact of extreme weather, volcanoes and earthquakes on the continent. They will gather information about 2 countries within Africa in order to compare. Children will have the opportunity to explore the rich history of the continent and the changes the people of Africa have experienced; comparing lives in Africa now to those in the past.

#### **Computing**

In computing, children will be experimenting with new software available to them as well as developing skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. They will continue to learn about keeping safe on the internet, Children will be creating digital art and also be given the opportunity to create 3D prints! Very exciting!

#### **Music**

As musicians the children will be learning to sing songs and finding out how to accompany their songs with simple percussion instruments. They will also be learning how to create rounds using a range of percussion.

#### **DT/Art**

Children will be using different sources of information to create designs inspired by African cultures and tribes. They will be using a variety of printing techniques to create a tribal t-shirt.

#### **PSHEe**

As part of their ongoing PSHEe learning, children will begin to explore a variety of topics including responding respectfully to a wide range of people; recognising prejudice and discrimination; belonging to a community; protecting the environment and showing compassion towards others. They will explore media literacy and digital resilience by looking at how information online is targeted; the different media types and their role and impact.

#### **P.E.**

In P.E lessons children will be taught by Soccer 2000. P.E in Year 5 will continue to be taught on a Monday and Wednesday.