



# Year 5 Spring Term

## Amazing Africa



Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable time with family! This term we are continuing with our exciting, thematic approach to teaching, which delivers the programmes of study. This term our focus turns to Amazing Africa! MFL, 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 with the introduction of written methods for multiplication and division. Children will then begin to develop their knowledge and apply their skills to problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages!

### English

In English, the children will be learning how to develop their use of grammar and punctuation (e.g. using commas, brackets and colons). We will cover poetry, narrative, play scripts and recounts. The children will have age related and phonics spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Children are also encouraged to read regularly and continue to complete detailed reading journals.

### Science

Children will also be studying 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 animal habitats, which will lend itself well to our topic of 'Amazing Africa.'

### M.F.L.

Children will learn basic conversational skills and build up their knowledge of French vocabulary, including colours, parts of the body, animals, the weather and hobbies. Learning will take place through games, songs, poems, stories and activities based upon La Jolie Ronde Scheme.

### Religious Education

The children will be learning about when, how and why Christians pray. Children will also compare other religions and how they pray too.

### PSHE

Our focus for this term will be the topics: Money & Me/Keeping Safe and Dealing with feelings/Drug Education. Children will have the opportunity to discuss the use of banks and credits cards and feelings of anger and anxiety. They will also discuss the use of tobacco and how it can be harmful.

### Design and Technology/ Art

Children will be using different sources of information to create designs inspired by African cultures and tribes.



They will be using printing techniques to create a tribal t-shirt.

### PE

In P.E lessons children will be taught net and wall games and dance. The children will be applying new skills to these activities as well as embedding skills previously taught.

### Geography



Children will be using a variety of atlases and maps to locate Africa and the human and physical geography of the continent, including: settlements, rivers, mountains, biomes and the impact of extreme weather and deforestation. They will gather information about 2 countries within Africa in order to compare.

### 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. Music will be inspired by Africa and the use of African drums, with special visitors joining us for an amazing workshop!



### 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 and begin to learn about programming. Children will be creating digital art and also be given the opportunity to create 3D prints! Very exciting!