

Our Learning: Year 5 Autumn 1 2021 - Africa



At school

Options for home learning

English	<p>Our Literacy learning will centre around the book, 'Journey to Jo'burg' which is set in South Africa. We will focus on specific vocabulary teaching, as well as reading comprehension tasks. We will also explore the context of the novel and link this to our Geography and History learning, part of which will involve writing biographies of Nelson Mandela.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read other Beverley Naidoo novels or those set in African countries (remember to make notes in your Reading Record book!). • Use the reading question stems (follow this link) to support discussions around texts.
Maths	<p>We start the year with number and place value, ensuring the children are secure with these mathematical foundations, including recognising 6 and 7-digit numbers. We will then focus on addition and subtraction. The children will use their increasing fluency with written methods to solve problems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing Roman numerals. • When out shopping, practise rounding the amounts to give an estimated total. • Compare temperatures around the world and find differences between the measurements.
Science	<p>In Science, the children will be learning about materials and their properties. We will use practical investigations to develop the children's understanding of solids, liquids and gases and reversible/irreversible changes to these states.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify reversible and irreversible changes when cooking, e.g. melting, baking, dissolving • Put different liquids in an ice cube tray (e.g. juice, vinegar, milk) and see which freeze the quickest.
Topic	<p>Our topic for the Autumn term is Africa. We will begin by challenging stereotypes about African countries. We will then study the geographical features of the region, including climate and biomes. Towards the end of the half term, our focus will turn to South Africa's political history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research a country in Africa. Include information about climate, vegetation, cities, food etc. • Find out about a day in the life of an African school child.
Other	<p>In French, we will learn vocabulary linked to telling the time and the school day. In RE we will be learning about the practices and beliefs of Christianity. In Art, we will study the work of Rufus Ogundele and work in oil pastel to create our own pieces in his style. In Music, we will be learning about African drumming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise introducing yourself and describing your appearance in French. • Create an African scene using oil pastels or colouring pencils, using the techniques you have learnt

Key Information:

Daily mile: PE shoes needed every day

Thursdays: PE. Children to come into school in kit.

22 September African workshop day

23 September: Curriculum evening

Swimming: Dates to be confirmed

Websites:

[Year 5 & 6 reading list](#)

[Reading question stems](#)

[TTRS](#)

[Doodle Maths](#)

Weekly Homework:

On Google Classroom. To be completed and turned in by Tuesday.

Daily Practice:

Reading: please remind your child to complete their reading record book weekly and bring it into school on Mondays.

Practise using half termly spellings in sentences.

TTRS and Doodle Maths.