



English

In our English lessons we continue to develop reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills. The children will learn a poem to help them improve figurative and descriptive language, and then move onto **newspaper articles** and learn about persuasive writing and bias and unbiased sources. They will also be conducting their own research to debate about Nelson Mandela and his role in the History of South Africa.

During our reading lessons, the children will explore a novel together (a different one in each class) to foster a greater enjoyment of reading longer books, and develop their inference and deduction skills as well as learning to be inquisitive readers.

How to help at home:

**BUG CLUB:** We have a new and exciting website to help children improve their reading skills. Children have log-ins to access a variety of books and questions.

Hearing your child read daily. Ask them questions about what they have read.

Autumn Term

As part of our topic based learning this term, the children will have the opportunity to explore the topic 'Into Africa.' This will be taught not just through Geography and History but through reading, Science, English and in your child's homework.



Topic

Into Africa

Into Africa is a varied and exciting topic. For homework children will be researching a country in Africa and teaching the class about their country. In Geography we will be looking at different maps, how the land is used in Africa and the difference in climate.

In P.S.H.E. we will be looking at developing countries and looking further into these countries and problems that have arisen for people in the countries.

In History we will be learning about slavery, apartheid and also debating about Nelson Mandela's historical struggle for rights.

RE

In RE we will be following the Hillingdon SACRE. The children will explore different aspects of Buddhism. In PSHE, we will be following the JIGSAW scheme of work, in which pupils will be learning how to behave and respond to others through sessions about "Celebrating differences." This will include understanding how actions affect themselves and others and how democracy and a voice benefits the school community.

Science

This half term we are learning all about animals and their habitats. This will be linked to our topic of 'Into Africa' and we will explore and investigate African habitats and animals that live there.

Children will be able to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals

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Children will be able to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).



PE

Children will have swimming lessons once a week as well as a professional Sports Coach in school.

French

The children will revisit and explore conversational vocabulary learnt. They will move on to learn animals and link this to our Africa topic.



This year, your child will again be taking part in a research project called Biodiversity being carried out by **Royal Holloway University of London**, to investigate whether learning about nature and science in the outdoors could help to improve their wellbeing, mood, educational attainment and connection to nature.

Homework

Your child has a homework booklet with activities to complete each week for **Spellings**.

Your child also has weekly homework for **Maths and Grammar**.

Every child should complete at least 2 activities from the homework **projects**.

Additionally, your child has an online log-in for **MY MATHS, Times Tables Rockstars and BUG CLUB**. They are expected to complete online maths homework, times tables activities and reading.

Children should read every day and learn their tables.

Maths

- Division and multiplication
- Statistics
- Measurement
- Mental maths or arithmetic quizzes.

How you can help at home:

Ensure your child revise their times table facts and related division facts up to 12x12.

Some useful Websites:

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

[www.nrich.maths.org](http://www.nrich.maths.org)

[www.nparenttoolkit.org.uk](http://www.nparenttoolkit.org.uk)

<https://trockstars.com/login>

Fab Friday!

Children will have the opportunity to develop additional skills to those learnt in our core and foundation subjects. This half term the children will be creating mosaics and masks and also learning how to play