

English

We will begin with **calligram** poems, focusing on African animals. Then we are moving on to traditional African tales, in particular, **Tinga Tinga Tales – Why Elephant has a Trunk**. The children then use this as inspiration to write their own traditional African tale. Finally, we will examine non-chronological reports, writing animal fact files.

Maths

At the beginning of the half term we will be learning about **money**, how to make different amounts, giving change and solving problems. We will then move on to focus on **multiplication and division**, using arrays to support our understanding. There will be a focus on the **2, 5 and 10** times tables and being able to divide by these numbers.

Science

In Science we will be learning about different **habitats** including rainforests and oceans. We will be learning how animals are adapted to their habitats and how they can become endangered or extinct.

RE

We will be starting our new topic '**Galilee to Jerusalem**'. We will learn about John the Baptist and his mission. We will learn why people are baptised and how we can ask for God's forgiveness during the sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also be learning about Jesus and some of his miracles.

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African Adventure

Geography

In Geography we will touch upon the **7 continents** of the world using maps/atlasses to explore. We will spend some time learning about the similarities and differences between England and Kenya and its human and physical features.

Computing

We will be learning the **purpose of the internet** and how we can access it **safely and effectively**. We will explore the roles of browsers, search engines, websites and web pages.

Art

We will design and create an **African mask** which includes symmetry, shape and patterns.

Design and Technology

We will be turning a scene of the African Savannah into a **moving picture** by making a mechanism. We will design a background for this and then evaluate our finished product.

Music

Our Charanga unit this half term is '**I wanna play in a band**'. This unit focuses on classic rock songs. We will also be using some djembe drums as these are from Africa.

PE

For PE this half term we will be learning the skills needed for **Mat Ball** and **Tag Rugby**.