

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 the **basic needs** of animals, including humans, and **life cycles**. We will also investigate why exercise is so important for staying healthy.

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.

Computing

The children will be learning the terminology associated with the **internet** and **searching**. They will begin to search and read web results pages.

Art

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

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African Adventure

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 also have a professional **African drumming workshop** at the beginning of this topic.

Geography

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

PE

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