

## English

In English we will be reading and retelling the story of 'Handa's Surprise', 'Handa's Noisy Night', and 'Meerkat Mail'. The focus will be on using the texts to extend our vocabulary and develop our writing to make it more interesting. We will read both fiction and non-fiction books with a theme of Africa and its culture, habitat and the creatures that live there. The children will use innovation to change aspects of texts, writing their own versions. Sharing stories every day will support storytelling and writing and we will continue to follow Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy phonics' programme in our daily phonic sessions.

## Art and Design

We will consider the colours and influences in African Art such as animal prints. The children will make African masks and design clay pots. The children will also create moving African animals, silhouette pictures of an African sunset and make simple African drums.

## Geography

We will explore the continent of Africa and the variety of habitats it has. The children will learn about its location, climate and compare a small location with our local area. We will use compass references and maps to show the areas studied.

## Mathematics

Further develop our maths skills using activities to solve problems across the curriculum, aiming to develop a greater depth of understanding in counting, addition and subtraction. Children will be encouraged to solve these by applying their skills and explain the steps they took. Use multiplication and division in practical activities; sharing equally and using arrays and repeated addition. Find fractions of amounts, use money and learn to tell the time.

## Science

We will be looking at the seasonal changes moving into summer and the wild and wonderful animals that live in Africa, their habitats and diversity. We will look at plant growth and complete our greenhouse project looking at how to maintain healthy plants given different climate conditions and what we can grow in our country to

## History

As part of our focus on Africa we will consider influential people in the history and the changes in the villages and cities of this continent over time.

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## Music

We will look at African call and response songs and learn how music and dance form part of African culture. We will use instruments to represent animals and copy rhythms, recognising simple notation, creating own simple call and response piece.

## Computing

Understand algorithms and what it means to debug a program. Develop further word processing skills and how to present an information text with imported pictures.

## Religious Education

We will consider sacred places for Christians and Muslims, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Mecca, and Medina. Our focus will be why these places are sacred. **PSHE** How to maintain positive friendships and manage own feelings and behaviours. We will consider ways to co-operate with others, show respect and how to adapt to change.

## P.E

The children will be focused on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. In addition, they will be developing balance, agility and coordination looking at using these in a range of activities including multi skills circuits, athletics and team games and tennis.

## How you can help

Regularly listen to your child read and talk about their books, ask them to retell the story in their own words or spot interesting words. Play games that involve counting, adding and taking away. Talk about the numbers they see about the home and in books. Explore any phonic sounds they are learning by encouraging them to recognise them in words they might hear in conversation or see in everyday use. Look at animals and plants around them and how they differ. Talk about the difference in places, animals and their homes.