

AFRICA

Our topic for this term is Africa! This is such a vast topic so we will only be concentrating on certain aspects. We will learn about Africa as a continent as well as the countries that make up the continent. The children will focus on the physical features of Africa, looking at the savannah, the deserts and, in particular, rainforests.

The children will learn about how the rainforest is built up with different layers and the animals that you can find in each layer.

The children will write Animal Fact Cards to create information texts as well as getting creative by writing an African story.

Look out for some amazing displays in and around the classroom!



LITERACY

Due to Read Write Inc being so successful, a group of children will now begin literacy lessons, replacing RWI.

This half term the children will be focussing on writing a story with an historical setting. This will continue our work from last term on Oliver. This was a popular hit for the children so will use this as a basis for their own stories.

The children will also learn about writing a recount based on a newspaper article. They will become reporters and learn about the different features writers use in this type of writing.



RE

This half term, the focus for RE is Christianity: in particular, Jesus. They will gain a deeper understanding of what Jesus' birth meant to Christians and how He affected peoples' lives.



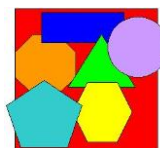
Numeracy

In numeracy we will be covering:

2D shapes: Naming shapes as well as talking about their properties. The children will classify the shapes with set criteria and investigate lines of symmetry in regular and irregular shapes.

Time: We will focus on an analogue clock, looking at time intervals of 1 min and 5 min.

The children will solve word problems related to time.



Calculations: The children will look at written methods to help them solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations.

If you would like to find out more about the methods that we use for these calculations, please come and ask me.

Try this website for games:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

MUSIC

The children will continue to have drumming, taught by Mr Doyle.

SCIENCE

The focus of this half term is friction. The children will learn all about the different types of resistance through investigations and experiments.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/friction/read/1/