



# Year 5 Spring Term

## Amazing Africa



Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable time with family! This term, we are continuing with our exciting, thematic approach to teaching, which delivers the programmes of study. This term our focus turns to Amazing Africa! MFL, R.E and Science will be taught discreetly.

### **Maths**

As mathematicians in Year 5, the children will be continuing to develop their mental maths skills including improving their times tables knowledge and speed. Mental and written strategies of the four rules of number will be a key focus again in Arithmetic with the introduction of written methods for multiplication and division. Children will then begin to develop their knowledge and apply their skills to problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages!

### **English**

In English, the children will be learning how to develop their use of grammar and punctuation (e.g. using commas, brackets and colons). We will cover poetry, narrative, play scripts and recounts. The children will have age related and phonics spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Children are also encouraged to read regularly and continue to complete detailed reading journals.

### **Science**

Year 5 will also be studying the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. As well as all this, they will learn about reproduction in some plants and animals. Pupils will also learn about animal habitats, which will lend itself well to our topic of 'Amazing Africa.'

### **M.F.L.**

The children will learn basic conversational skills and build up their knowledge of French vocabulary, including colours, parts of the body, animals, the weather and hobbies. Learning will take place through games, songs, poems, stories and activities based upon La Jolie Ronde Scheme.

### **Religious Education**

In RE, Year 5 will be learning about when, how and why Christians pray. Children will also compare other religions and how they pray too.

### **PSHE**

Our focus for this term will be the topics: Belonging to a community, money and work and media, literacy and digital resilience. They will be looking at diversity in different job roles and their roles and responsibilities with caring or the environment.

### **Design and Technology/ Art**

Year 5 will be using different sources of information to create designs inspired by African cultures and tribes. They will be using printing techniques to create a tribal t-shirt.



### **PE**

In P.E lessons, the children will continue to be taught athletics and invasion games. They will be applying new skills as well as embedding skills previously taught.

### **Geography**



The class will be using a variety of atlases and maps to locate Africa and the human and physical geography of the continent, including: settlements, rivers, mountains, biomes and the impact of extreme weather and deforestation. They will gather information about 2 countries within Africa in order to compare.

### **Music**

As musicians, the children will be learning to sing songs and finding out how to accompany their songs with simple percussion instruments. They will also be learning how to create rounds using a range of percussion. Music will be inspired by Africa and the use of African drums, with special visitors joining us for an amazing workshop!



### **Computing**

In computing, children will be experimenting with new software available to them as well as developing skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. They will continue to learn about keeping safe on the internet and begin to learn about programming. Children will be creating digital art and also be given the opportunity to create 3D prints! Very exciting!

