

Are all countries in Africa the same?

KS1 Term 6 2024



Key Areas of Learning

We will be working as geographers, focusing on the continent of Africa. We will be building on our map skills. We will learn about the equator and Northern and Southern hemispheres; locate different countries in Africa and consider the climate across the continent. We will challenge misconceptions by comparing different places across Africa, considering the different human and physical landmarks; we will think about how this compares to our previous learning about Great Britain.

Our Topic and Science learning will be brought to life by a trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park at the end of term.

ENGLISH

We will be using the text 'Meerkat Mail' to inspire our own writing. We will look at describing settings and using adverbials at the start of sentences to indicate a problem or a problem being solved. We will use all the skills learnt across the unit to write our own journey stories.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will begin by continuing our learning on time. We will then be going on to recognising, naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes before moving onto learning about position and direction. We will also be exploring capacity.

R.E.

In RE we are going to be thinking about the question 'Do we need shared spaces?' We will begin by talking about our special places and what makes them special, before finding out about special religious buildings such as synagogues.

DT

For our whole school DT day, we will be making sandwiches and preparing the filling – egg and cress mayonnaise.

READING AND PHONICS

We will continue to take part in whole class reading sessions, using the 'reading dogs' to discuss and develop the different skills of reading. We will be reading the text 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl.

Children will continue to take part in Phonics in groups based on their reading level. Year 2 will continue the RWI spelling programme.

P.E.

In PE this term the children will be doing country dancing in preparation for the Summer Fayre. We will be having swimming lessons and Sports Day. With the coaches we will also be working attacking and defending skills.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will consider what it means to be alive, what the differences between habitats and microhabitats are and how plants and animals are suited to where they live.

Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Awareness & PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at the unit 'Changing Me'. We will begin by looking at changes in nature and focus on life cycles. We will then think about how we as humans change from babies to elderly people and talk about what we are able to do at each life stage. We also be looking at different body parts and naming these using correct terminology. (A letter has been sent to outline this topic) Later in the term, we will think about upcoming changes and the transition into KS2 for Year 2 and strategies that will support this.

Special Events include: Music festival at Burford (Year 2), Great Wychwood Bake Off, Year 2 Sleepover, Sports Day, Whole School Picnic and Art Workshops