



Year: 5

Term: Summer 1



Africa: Past to Present

Theme Overview

Throughout this unit, children will explore and discover the rich history of Africa and explore the continent's unique and distinctive geography. Beginning with the formation of Igodomigodo, modern day Nigeria, we will learn about the origins of Africa while focusing on the culture and traditions of the founding people who first walked the continent in its earliest days. Our learning will encompass traditional African art, music and religion and compare these to modern day Africa. We will also be looking closely at the historical and cultural impact of British Colonialism, specifically on the events which took place in Benin and the subsequent impacts that this has had on the continent and its people. In contrast, we will also be celebrating the accomplishments of important historical groups and figures of historical and modern Africa.

HISTORY

- Origins of Africa stemming back to the establishment of boundaries around Igodomigodo, and the founding rulers of the region, including the 'Golden Age' of Edo.
- Understanding the initial and long-lasting impacts of British Colonialism
- Discovering the art, culture and social history of specific countries and impacts that these have had on the continent.

MATHS

Working with decimals: adding and subtracting decimals, converting between decimals and fractions

Properties of shape: Drawing, labelling and calculating angles as well as classifying shape

HOOK INTO LEARNING

African Masks



RE

The five pillars of Islam- what are they? Explore the core beliefs and practices of this faith.

PE

Quick cricket – skills and drills

ART

Study the work of Henri Rousseau, particularly 'Tiger in a storm'. Paint a different rainforest animal in his style. Create clay sculptures inspired by bronze plaques.

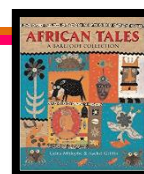
COMPUTING:

Purple Mash: 2logo – using computer programming commands to navigate on-screen avatars through a range of puzzles and challenges

SCIENCE: Forces

- Explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.
- Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces.
- Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

ENGLISH



African Tales is a true celebration of the storytelling tradition that is inherent across the diverse cultures and communities of this vast continent. The vibrancy and delicate detail of the artwork is inspired by the art of the different regions. This along with the country summaries and range of stories wonderfully capture the wisdom, wit, ingenuity, character and richness of cultures across the different parts of the African continent.

PSHE Explore historical racial discrimination