



Year: 5

Term: Spring 1



Africa: Past to Present

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.

HOOK INTO LEARNING

Benin Artefacts



TOPIC FINALE

Maps and Typography Gallery Walk
Wednesday 11th February 2026

COMPUTING:

Quizzing

SCIENCE:

Food Chains

- Drawing food chains
- Analyzing food chains
- Predicting impact

Life Cycles

- Life cycles of mammals
- Life cycles of birds
- Life cycles of amphibians
- Life cycles of insects

French

Telling the time

MATHS

Multiplying 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers (formal method)

Short division

Multiplying fractions and mixed numbers by integers

Fractions of amounts

PE

Dance – creating a routine to a range of different genres of music

Music:

Make you feel my love: Learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Pop Ballads.

ENGLISH: The Adventures of Odysseus

In this retelling of Homer's epic poem The Odyssey, tells the story of Odysseus's return home to Ithaca from fighting in the Trojan wars. His journey is beset by danger, challenges and tragedy.

Extended writing includes: letters, diaries, speeches, story writing