



**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**

Make African masks



### **TOPIC FINALE**

Parent presentation:  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### **COMPUTING:**

Game creator

### **SCIENCE:**

#### **Materials**

Compare and group everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity

Demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes.

### **ENGLISH: The Adventures of Odysseus**

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

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

### **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.

**PSHE** Caring for the environment