



AMAZING AFRICA

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to the curriculum notes for Kites! Here you will find an overview of work that Kites will be working on throughout terms 5 & 6. Information on when children will need their P.E kits, clothes for forest school-as well as homework days can be found here. All staff are incredibly excited for the start of the summer term and are looking forward to all the learning that will be taking place.

Forest School

It's our turn to go to the forest in term 5! So please bring in your forest school clothes every Wednesday. You need to bring a long sleeved top, sturdy trousers, walking boots or wellies and waterproofs in a bag.

Things to know

PE kits need to be in school everyday but we will do PE on Thursdays. Homework and spellings will be sent out on Fridays and needs to be back by the following Wednesday.

Who's who?

Kites is a class of Year 4 and 5 taught by Mrs Dixon (Monday to Thursday) and Miss Dunn (Friday). Our teaching assistants are Miss Lydiard, Mrs Xavier and Mrs Withers .

Areas of Exploration

Science

Science will be all things human and animal for the last two terms. We'll be looking at the digestive system in humans and the functions of teeth. We'll also look at life cycles of various animals and food chains.

French

Our topic is 'On the Move' and we'll learn to develop conversational skills via topics like: transport, direction and movement.

History

Kites will be learning about where the ancient Kingdom of Benin was located and how it came to thrive, what the people there believed in and how they showed this in their artwork. We will also explore western attitudes towards African civilisations, comparing achievements, oral tales and artefacts of ancient Benin to those in Europe at the same time.

Geography

We'll be looking at the physical geography of mountains and thinking about the key question: Has Kilimanjaro become too much of a tourist destination?

Religious Education

We will be looking at Hinduism in term 5 and Christianity in term 6. Our key questions will be: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives? And how can following God bring freedom and justice?

English

Below are just some of the books we will be exploring as a class or dipping into through English sessions and beyond. We will be looking at different writing genres including narratives, reports, diaries, letters, recounts, advertising, persuasive letters and poetry.



Computing

We will be creating media – 3D modelling and exploring selection in programming to design and code an interactive quiz.

DT

Kites will be learning how to cross stitch and appliqué and then apply this to the design and creation of a cushion.

Music

Children will learn 'Shosholoza', a traditional South African song, play the accompanying chords using tuned percussion and learn to play the djembe. They will also learn a traditional West African drum and add some dance moves ready to perform the song in its entirety.

Art

We'll be developing paintings from drawings and looking at the artist Beth Kimwele with the intention of creating African pointillist art work.

PSHE

Our first topic is based on a case study of a fictional girl called Chiwa who lives in Malawi. We'll explore different aspects of her life. Our final topic builds on our knowledge of the human body; how we grow and change, both physically and emotionally.

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at telling the time accurately, statistics, properties of shape and position and direction. Year 4 will also look at money and year 5 will continue to deepen their understanding of decimals.

P.E

We will be learning skills and tactics associated with rounders including over arm throwing of long and short distances, catching high and fast thrown balls