

Year 4 Autumn Term 1 2023 Newsletter

Where in the world is Africa?



As SCIENTISTS we will be: continuing to develop our skills and understanding of practical investigations whilst we continue to learn about living things and their habitats. We will be conducting a range of outside learning opportunities to find out more about how an environment sustains a wide range of life.

As WRITERS we will be: building on our Year 3 experience of adventure stories in order to write our own crime stories, using as our driver text: *The Violet Veil Mysteries*. We will then move onto letter writing, again building on the knowledge and skills the children acquired in Year 3 in order to make our letters more detailed and formal. In poetry, we will be looking at how list poems can be used to represent specific emotions and feelings.

As READERS we will be: studying the classic Michael Morpurgo text: *The Butterfly Lion*, and going on to study *The Hunter* linking to our ongoing themed work on Africa, as well as looking at a range of non-fiction texts linking to this theme.

As MATHEMATICIANS we will be: developing our knowledge of number and place value, as we refine our skills on using mathematical knowledge to solve a range of more complex problems. Alongside this, we will continue to work on all our multiplication and division facts with particular emphasis on the 5's, 6's and 9's.

In COMPUTING we will be: continuing to use the internet safely and responsibly, whilst using the Scratch package to learn more complex programming skills such as debugging, evaluation, repetition and selection.

As MUSICIANS we will: continuing to focus on appraising and comparing, texture, dynamics, tempo and pitch. We will use a wide range of African music to inspire and assist us in creating our own compositions.

In P.E. we will be: continuing to develop the skills we have been nurturing in Year 3 to access a range of team games, continuing to adapt and change activities and rules for a range of physical challenges.

In R.E. we will be: learning about religious rituals and ceremonies, with a particular emphasis on Christianity and Islam. We will be learning about the symbolism within these rituals and their relevance in the world today.

In ART we will be: using a range of shading techniques to refine and improve our skills of creating 3-D drawings. We will then be using these skills to create a piece of silhouette African inspired art, drawing African animals.

As GEOGRAPHERS we will be: learning all about where Africa is in the world, including building a knowledge base on lines of latitude. We will be learning about the African landscape and environment and comparing African countries such as Sierra Leone to our own country, highlighting similarities and differences.

In Jigsaw. we will be: learning about Being In My World, including understanding our own place in a range of communities from the family to our own school community. We will look at ways in which disputes within these communities can be dealt with in the best way and encourage the children to ask questions to relieve any worries they may have.

Year 4 P.E days will be on **Thursday** and **Friday** during **Autumn 1**. Please send your child to school in P.E kit on these days. See below for appropriate school P.E kit.

- Plain white t-shirt and navy blue shorts,
- Trainers
- Tracksuit/Jogging bottoms (Blue or Black) for colder weather.



Uniforms can be purchased on the school website. Alternatively, parents can buy from local shops but please purchase clothing in the school colours.

We have many exciting opportunities planned throughout the school year. Please see below the curriculum overview as well as the wider opportunities available to your child throughout the year.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Where in the world is Africa?	The long boats are coming - who is onboard?	Who settles where?
Who took over England after the Romans left?	What's hiding inside the rainforest?	Who was Edward the Confessor?

Visits / visitors	In-school wider opportunities
Trinity Church	Music Service
Vikings 'museum in a box'	Physical Foundations
Hull and East Riding Museum	Mr Holmes
Hull Music Service festival at the Bonus Arena	NAPA Dance
	Tigers Trust

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