

English:

This half term, our English lessons will be focused on the novel *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverly Naidoo. This modern classic about two siblings looking for their mother is set in dangerous apartheid South Africa. The story will provide us with many writing opportunities as we explore the geographical and political landscape of the country through the eyes of a child. We will continue our daily spelling, punctuation and grammar practise and refine our reading comprehension with a range of activities.

Our Key Text:



Maths:

Multiplication and Division: Children will be learning the formal written methods for multiplication (up to 4 digits x 2 digits) and division (4 digits ÷ 1 digit)

Fractions: We will be comparing and order fractions where denominators are multiples of the same number. We will be identifying, naming and writing equivalent fractions of a given fraction, including tenths and hundredths. We will learn to recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other and write mathematical statements.

Key Instant Recall

Facts:

We will be using our knowledge of times tables to quickly find factors of numbers and common factors. We will also ensure we know our prime, square and cube numbers.

Religious Education:

Our RE topic this term is *What do Sikhs believe?* We will be learning about how symbols express belief in Sikhism and other religions; how the Sikh faith began; how and why the first Sikh Community was founded; how a person can become a Sikh; and what signs and symbols are used to express Sikh faith and shared values.

Year 5 Curriculum Map

Spring 1

Mr Lloyd, Judy & Janet

This Term's Value is 'Wisdom'

Weekly homework tasks are given out on Friday and collected on Wednesday.

Science:

Our science topic for this half term will be *Growing up and growing old*. In this topic we will look at and describe the changes that occur as humans develop to old age. We will draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans and learn about the changes experienced in puberty. We will look at what happens to the body as we grow old and what we can do to help our health during that time.

History & Geography:

Our topic this term is *Africa* and we will be going on a journey through this vast continent learning about the diverse nature of its 54 countries. We will look at the main geographical features, biomes, music, trade, food and settlements.

Art & Design:

As part of our African topic, we will be looking at some of the different instruments used across Africa and design and make some of our own.

Physical Education:

The children will be learning the rules and skills involved with netball. The class will also be taking part in gymnastics; learning different ways to travel, balance and jump, working towards building a routine of their own. PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays this half term. Please ensure suitable kit is in school at all times.

Computing:

We will be learning about **online safety**. We will focus on understanding of the impact that sharing digital content can have; how to maintain secure passwords; how to check the reliability of sources when researching online. We will also be learning about creating **spreadsheets** and using formulae, carrying out calculations and use a spread sheet to plan an event.

PSHE: Dreams and Goals

We will be learning and discussing what are our *Dreams and Goals*. We will focus on the importance of planning when working towards a dream job; asking why jobs are important; finding out about different types of careers; and learning about the dreams and goals of children from different cultures.

French:

This term we will be looking at different foods and learning how to express opinions and preferences. We will be learning the months, seasons and weather and writing extended sentences about them.