

Autumn Term

Year 2



Curriculum Topic

Out of Africa

This term in Year 2 our topic is Out of Africa.

In our geography lessons we will :

We will look at the landscape and land usage in Africa and use geographical vocabulary to describe this. We will look at flags and the weather. We will use Google Earth to see for ourselves what these landscapes look like from the air and we will make our own maps. These maps will include grid references, symbols and keys – just like real maps.

In our science lessons we will :

find out about African animals and their habitats and offspring. We will design and make our own habitats to suit an African animal of our choice.

In our art lessons we will:

investigate African art. We will recreate pictures using a range of materials and processes and make African masks and jewellery.



In our Literacy lessons we will:

Look at a variety of African Folk tales, and write our own. Complete several pieces of factual writing and reports based on things we learn about African animals. We will cover instructional writing based on things we make in Art and DT. We will practice daily phonics and guided reading and continue reading extended stories by significant authors.

In our Numeracy lessons we will:

Count forwards and backwards from zero to one hundred and add and subtract numbers in this range. We will add and subtract 10 from any number and be able to explain what happens when we do this. We will investigate 2-digit numbers and ensure we have a solid understanding of how these numbers are made up of using tens and ones.

Other activities

Put on a performance for parents which will include African dancing, music and an animal documentary. Find out about the lifestyles of people in some African countries and compare these lifestyles to our own.

Key Vocabulary

Here is a list of the Key Vocabulary ,linked to their topic ,your child will be using this term. To make sure your child has a good understanding of each word, it would be really helpful to us if you could explore and discuss each word on the list below.

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| Africa | Continent | country |
| climate | wildlife | weather |
| Savanna | safari | village |
| Sahara | off-spring | Equator |
| habitats | desert | wetlands |
| Carnivore | Herbivore | omnivore |
| life-cycle | Food chain | survival |
| landscape | prey | predator |