

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Term 4

Welcome to Term 4!
We hope you all had a lovely break.

Below are our class email addresses, should you need to contact us. Alternatively, a message can be passed on at the Year 5 door on arrival to school in the mornings.

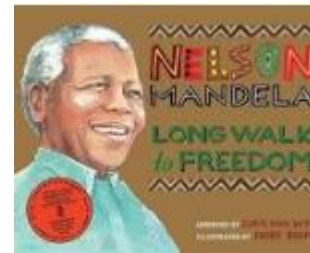
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Term 3 Topic and Reading

We will be starting our African Adventure topic. During this topic, we will be studying South Africa in particular, and will be finding out what life was like under apartheid and about the work of Nelson Mandela.



The books we will study this term, which are linked to our topic, are 'Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom' and 'Journey to Jo'burg', by Beverley Naidoo.

We will continue reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf, which gives a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship.

Stunning Start

We will be getting the children enthused about our topic by completing a piece of art work using colourful African N'debele art.



Fabulous Finish

During Term 4, we will be preparing for our African Adventure show. This will include music, dance and drama and give the children the opportunity to show what we have been learning this term.

The show will be performed in the afternoon of Thursday 9th May. Further details will follow.

Curriculum for Term 4

English

This term's writing will include a biography about Nelson Mandela's life; a letter linked to the characters in our book, 'Journey to Jo'burg' and an explanation text about mountains.

Maths



We will be extending our skills of written multiplication and division before moving on to working with decimals and percentages. Children will end the term with a unit on perimeter and area.

Science

In science we are learning about animals, including humans. Children will be looking at the changes as humans develop to old age.

Geography

Our geography work will be look at similarities and differences between life in the UK and a region in Africa. We will be finding out about the main environmental regions, countries and cities. Year 5 will also be learning about how different types of mountains are formed.



Art and Dt

As well as creating their N'Debele art, the children will be making links from their Term 2 science work in designing, making and evaluating a mechanical pulley system for a well.

Computing

The children will be exploring how databases are used to organise data in records, which can be ordered and filtered to answer questions about the data.

RE

The children will be exploring what kind of king Jesus is to Christians. We will also be asking why the day Jesus died is called 'Good Friday'.

PE

This term each class will be practising skills to play net and wall games.

Spanish

We will be learning about the months of the year and the four seasons.

enero	julio
febrero	agosto
marzo	septiembre
abril	octubre
mayo	noviembre
junio	diciembre

PSHE

Children will be learning ways to resist peer pressure in regards to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

RSHE

A separate letter will be sent out about this term's work.

Farm and PPA

Farm

Year 5 will be visiting the farm during the **FIRST 3 WEEKS** of Term 4:

Monday: 5WA

Tuesday: 5LP

Thursday: 5MF



Please ensure that children are wearing old clothes on their farm day and that they have wellies in a separate named bag.

Please note that children will leave school from the Year 4 and 6 gate on their farm day. Please go there to collect them. They will not go back up to Year 5.

During these three weeks, on a Thursday, 5MF's afternoon will be split between Farm and Forest School, as it is also our PPA time.

For the rest of the term (week beginning Monday 11th March) 5MF will split their Thursday afternoon between Forest School (old clothes and wellies still needed!) and online safety.

5WA and 5LP will be having dance and music during PPA on a Thursday.

Homework

It is essential that children continue learning times tables. Instant recall of these will help them to calculate efficiently within our multiplication and division work this term. We will be continuing our TTRS tournaments and would very much encourage all children to take part. The first will take place from Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March and the second will be Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March.



All other homework is set on Google Classroom.

- The children will be given weekly spellings which will need to be practised at home. Some of these are from the National Curriculum list of statutory words. Others practise spelling patterns we are learning at Year 5. Children will be given new spellings on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.
- Children are expected to read every night for approximately 20-30 minutes.
- Our termly piece of homework linked to our topic is to make a fact file about South Africa. This could include maps and information about places to visit.

GROWTH MINDSET

Our whole school learning power for term 4 is 'Being Resourceful' and our character that represents that learning behaviour is Bananas.



I can plan before approaching a task.
I can monitor my learning and help myself when I get stuck.
I can evaluate my work.