One big question: What is life like for a child in Africa?

One big fieldwork study: Housing Study to compare houses here and houses in Africa

VIP: (Very Important Person): Nelson Mandela

As historians we will...

...discover who the Ancient Egyptians are and why they are well- known

... use a range of sources to discover what remains of the Ancient Egyptians

...find out what the Egyptian people did e.g. farming and games

...investigate what happened to the once mighty civilisation and its people

...discover how slavery started

...identify how slaves were used in the trade triangle – with a focus on Africa

...look closely at South Africa and Apartheid ...relate our learning to Africa and South Africa today and the attitudes of people living there now.

As designers we will...

...conduct market research to find out about African jewellery

...consider the user's opinion when designing the piece of jewellery and planning what materials to use ...investigate a range of ways to join the product together e.g. clasps or ties

...make and test the product to make sure it is secure ...evaluate the piece of jewellery and its effectiveness

In our Rights Respecting School work, we will learn about...

...Article 28: right to education

...Article 39: right to support if a victim of war.

As artists we will...

...explore primary and secondary colours ...create different effects with paint using a variety of techniques e.g. dots, scratches and splashes ...paint symbols, forms, shapes, and composition when exploring the work of Gakonga

As musicians, we will...

... explore African music and instruments

...play, improvise and compose African rhythmic patterns

Y5 'Know about Now' curriculum overview –



Aim: To inspire a curiosity and fascination about the world and the lives of children today through the exploration of diverse places. Through this learning, pupils will demonstrate a geographical and cultural awareness and in turn acquire a rich cultural capital and an appreciation of the similarities and differences of people's lives across the world.

As philosophers we will...

...reflect upon the lives of slaves and how this is impacting our world today

...discuss how our lives are different to the lives of an African child

...challenge stereotypes related to Africa and why they are not always correct

Using computing skills, we will...

... make websites, use basic computer skills and undertake research

As geographers we will...

...name and locate the continent Africa, the countries within it, the surrounding seas and oceans and its time zones

...compare the physical features of Africa to the physical features of the UK, with a focus on the Nile and the countries through which it flows ...investigate Kenyan tribes, their culture, and their sustainability

...look at South Africa and its human geographical features including housing and conduct a study to compare housing in Africa to housing in the UK

...explore the settlements in Egypt along the River Nile, why they live there and available trade links

...compare the population, climate and culture across a range of countries in Africa and to the UK

...investigate the sustainability of Africa in comparison to the UK.

As mathematicians we will...

... use our statistics knowledge to interpret climate graphs

... use our place value knowledge to read and compare population of different countries

As writers we will...

... write our own story based on Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So Stories'

...read Journey to Jo'burg and write a diary entry based upon the children's decision to leave home ...write a newspaper report based on events in the book

... hold discussions and debates to help us write persuasive arguments