

PE

The children will be developing skills in the following:

- Netball
- Tag Rugby
- Circuit Training
- Dance
- Hockey

English

- The children will be reading, writing and performing poems related to the brain during Brain Week.
- The children will be reading and responding to the short novel Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo. They will be creating their own diary extracts and learning how to write powerful newspaper reports based on factual events from South Africa during Apartheid. Creative writing will be a main focus for Year 5.

Maths

The Year 6 children will be covering the following work in Singapore Maths: Numbers to 10 million, four operations on whole numbers, fractions, decimals, measurements and word problems. Year 5 work will involve the following: Numbers to 1 million, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, word problems, graphs and fractions.

ICT

The children will be using research tools and digital devices to create PPTs which compare and evaluate statistics linked to different African countries.

Art

The children will be studying the work of African artists including Isabelle Le Roux and Edward Tingatinga. They will also be designing and creating African masks and jewellery as well as developing their drawing and painting skills.

Activity afternoon

The children will be doing a variety of the following:

- French.
- Philosophy for Children.
- Music.
- Forest school.
- Robotscool
- PE at The Oxford Academy

Year 5/6 Autumn Term - Amazing Africa!



History and Geography

The children will be:

- Investigating the continent of Africa.
- Using a timeline to explain how the Kingdom of Benin relates to other historical periods and to the chronology of world history.
- Learning about the culture of the early Kingdom of Benin.
- Learning about the colonisation of Africa.
- Learning about the history and Geography of South Africa.
- Understanding the life and impact of Nelson Mandela and his actions.

Design and Technology

Children will be working on projects with Mrs Weekes. Year 5 will be printing and creating wall hangings and Year 6 will be making bread in food technology.

RE

The Year 6 children will be covering the following units from *Learning and Growing as the People of God: The Story of the People of God, Followers of Christ, Advent, Christmas (one lesson)*

Year 5 children will be studying: Creation, Miracles and the Sacrament of the Sick, Advent & Christmas

Class worship and meditation are an important part of the children's weekly RE lessons. One class will go to the Parish Mass at St Anthony's Church every four weeks.

The focus virtues this term are: Compassionate & Loving, Faith-filled & Hopeful.

PSHCE

This term's topic is New Beginnings and Getting On and Falling Out, as well as a week dedicated to Say No to Bullying. Children will be thinking about how new situations make them and others feel and how to deal with those emotions appropriately.

Science

Year 6 will be investigating how living things have changed over time and how offspring vary & adapt to their environment in Evolution. They will also be exploring how we see things, how light travels and how shadows are created.

Year 5 will be looking at the life cycles of plants and how different plants reproduce. They will also be investigating and comparing the properties of materials: how some materials dissolve and can be retrieved and how some experience changes that are non-reversible.