

"African Adventures" Summer Term 1 2026



Owl Class - Year 1

Areas of Learning

As **Historians**, we will be learning about the Maasai Mara Tribes and their culture

As **Geographers**, we will be learning about Kenya/Africa (different countries) and comparing it to the UK, recapping compass directions, making maps, & identifying physical and human features. We will also be learning about tourism and how it is important to some countries.

As **Scientists**, we will be learning about different types of animals - their characteristic, feeding habits, habitats and extinct or endangered animals. We will also be learning why some animals migrate.

As **Artists**, we will be looking at 3D modelling and African Patterns. We will be exploring colour wash skies and silhouettes.

ENGLISH

- Imaginative Writing: Recite stories & compose own versions, using an appropriate order/sequence and introduce proof reading
- Writing linked to picture inspirations
- Functional Writing will focus on fact files
- Handwriting - continue to learn and practice from print to cursive -lead-in and lead-out
- Phonics & Spelling will be linked to Twinkl Level 5 through blending, segmenting, games, written activities and dictations
- Punctuation and grammar - tenses, prefixes, suffixes, types of sentences and appropriate punctuation
- In reading we will be developing comprehension skills through open/closed questioning techniques and comparisons of text/stories - using fictional and non-fiction text

MATHEMATICS

Numeracy - We will be:

- reinforcing the concepts, we have already taught - addition, subtraction, doubling, halving
- be introducing simple multiplication, division and fractions

Practical: We will be:

- revise positional language
- revising the names of 2D and 3D shapes
- exploring fractions linked to halves and quarters of shapes & objects
- exploring the line of symmetry

Problem Solving and Reasoning

- Strategies and skills will be developed to solve mathematical word problems and taught concepts
- Exploring the trial and error strategy

ICT

We will be learning about programming. In class, we will discuss robots and different ways they are used and learn about how simple robots can be operated using buttons and the children will develop the skills to programme a robot with a series of inputs to achieve a desired outcome

PE

We will be developing our maypole dancing ahead of our May day celebrations. The children will be working to develop timing, skills and performative attributes whilst learning a choreographed dance ready to share it with you all at the end of term.

MUSIC

- African Rhythm & Beats
- African songs
- Using the instruments for story telling

RE

We will be learning about how stories and art help us to understand different world views and religions; studying a range of stories and different forms of art across a range of religions to help better understand them and their importance

FRENCH

We will have French lessons every Thursday afternoon with Mme Ziebeck, when they will learn a variety of French greetings, phrases, numbers and songs.

Enrichment

- Forest School
- Sustained Shared Thinking (oracy opportunities with Parrot class)

Learning to Learn Skills

We will continue to stress the importance positive attitudes to study; learning how to maximise our learning through focus, effort and deliberate practice. We will also work as a team, helping everyone to learn more. House points will be awarded for demonstrating responsible behaviour.

PSED

We will deepen our understanding of this term's school value. There will be discussions about:

- Stories with a moral
- How to care for ourselves and environment.
- Being Helpful
- Understanding healthy eating

Community

- Walk to school
- Maypole Afternoon