Mathematics Mastery

This term focuses on the following:

- Measures (Mass): pupils will weigh and compare the mass of objects in kilograms; interpret scales and compare mass in grams and use calculation strategies in the context of mass
- Exploring calculation strategies (numbers to 100): pupils will make sense of word problems by using bar models; add and subtract 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping
- Multiplication and Division (3 x and 4 x tables)

Science: Plants and Growth

In this unit, your pupils are introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. Pupils will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants, discover what plants need to germinate, investigate what plants need to grow and stay healthy, work scientifically by: dissecting seeds, observing and recording the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb to a seedling; observing similar plants at different stages of growth; and setting up a comparative test to show that plants need light and water to stay healthy.

Challenge Curriculum: Life in Kenya

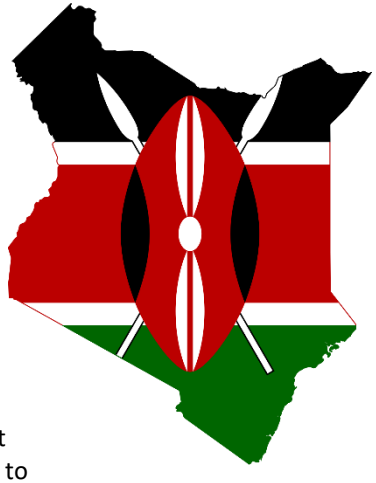
In this unit, pupils study the human and physical geography of Kenya, comparing it to that of the UK.

Pupils will use their previous knowledge of the unit 'Planet Earth' to learn about Kenya's location and borders, how far away Kenya is from the UK and how they might travel there. Pupils will then learn more about the climate, landscape and culture of Kenya.

At the end of the unit, pupils will answer the driving question.

French

This term we will be learning some nursery rhymes and the names of musical instruments. Pupils will develop their French speaking skills mostly through oral rehearsal and songs.



This half term we are asking:

"How is living in Kenya similar and different to living in the UK?"

Sports, Health and Fitness

- In P.E we will continuing to focus on athletics, learning how to jump in different ways.
- In Health we are focusing on diet and vitamins to explain how these can keep us healthy.
- In Fitness, we will be doing a 'step to the beat' workout.

ICT

This half term in ICT we will be using Purple Mash to develop our computer literacy.

DT: Printing

This term in Art, pupils will be developing their printing skills using sponges, vegetables and fruit. By the end, pupils will be able to create a repeating pattern, create their own relief block and create a print in response another artist's work. We will be focusing on the artist Esther Mahlangu and will be copying her work as well as creating our own final piece.

Religious Education

We are going to continue in this half-term to look at philosophical questions. Philosophical enquiry develops speaking and listening skills and encourages critical and creative thinking; an essential skill for the 21st Century.

Literacy

Our focus text in Literacy this term is 'The Akimbo Adventures' by Alexander McCall Smith. We will first be retelling the story from a different perspective and then write a persuasive piece to encourage people to visit Kenya.

Reading

For those children still on our Phonics programme, we will be continuing with these focused lessons. For those that have completed the programme, we will be starting RWI Comprehension.

Since reading is one of the most vital parts of their education, your child should be reading for an extra 10 minutes a day. We will be sending additional books home and you can also continue to use the Hammersmith Library. Please complete the reading record at least once a week to show what you have been reading.

Home Learning

- We will be sharing Home Learning via Seesaw and would love to still see examples of what the pupils have been doing at home.
- Spellings will be uploaded to Seesaw each week. Should you wish to help your children improve spelling even further, please search the internet for the "top 200 High Frequency words".
- There will be an opportunity for pupils to share Home Learning on a Friday afternoon.