

What's happening in Year Three?

During next half term, we will be exploring the question 'How is Africa different to Britain?' with a specific focus on Geography. To begin the topic, the children will be given the chance to create their own African mask to use in an African dance routine in a specialist workshop.



During English lessons we will start by writing a setting description of an African savannah, working on our imagery skills. Then, later in the half term, we will be looking at writing a persuasive letter against poaching in Africa. Our class text will be 'The Akimbo Adventures' by Alexander McCall Smith. This text will allow us to experience what life in Africa is like through character Akimbo's perspective.



How is Africa different to Britain?

Remember, talk is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.

The children will begin the topic with the opportunity to use pointillism to paint their own traditional African mask in an art and dance workshop

Additionally, as part of our Art we will be using oil pastels to create our own sunset savannah landscape with animal silhouettes.

In Maths next term, we will start with geometry, with a focus on right angles. Then, in the remainder of the term we will be developing the children's mental calculation skills. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, and 10x tables so please practise these regularly at home - TT Rockstars is great for this. You can also support your child by asking them quick fire calculation questions. Children can also practise their number knowledge using Numbots.

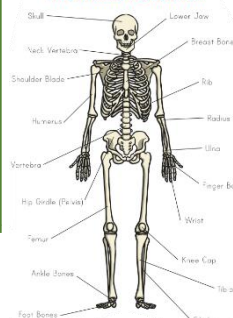


In science, for our Animals including humans topic, the children will be studying different food groups and how they benefit the body, as well as comparing different skeletons and how our bodies function. Throughout our Geography lessons, we will be making comparisons between life in Africa and life in the UK. We will finalise this learning by making a travel brochure for an African holiday destination.

My Happy Minds

We will continue to use MyHappyMinds to support the children's mental health, wellbeing, and personal development. You can also access this at home, just ask your class teacher for details.

The Human Skeleton



Homework

The school will continue to set homework via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure that this is submitted by **Tuesday at 9am**. Including reading books and quizzing on AR.

Encouraging your child to **complete their homework** each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class and are prepared for the following week's lessons.

Just a quick note to say thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please come and speak to us at anytime. You, your family and child are very important to us and we always want to work in partnership with you.

Thank you!

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PE
The children will continue to have PE every week on Tuesday and Thursday so please provide them with the correct school PE kit: (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather). They will bring this on Monday and take it home on Friday. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly to avoid any lost items.

