

# What's happening in Year Three?



During this 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 writing a persuasive travel brochure for 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?

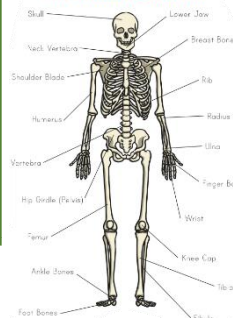
Remember, talk is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.

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 lesson we will be using watercolours to produce a Quentin Blake-inspired piece.

## 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



In **Science**, the children will be looking at forces and magnets, and they will get to experience a fun, informative Mini Professors workshop to hook them in to this topic. Throughout our Geography lessons, we will be making comparisons between Africa and the UK.

## Homework

Weekly homework will be a spelling sheet sent home on a Friday. The children will then have a spelling test on these words the following Friday.

The children are also expected to complete Numbots practise at home and to read daily.

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.



In **Maths** this term, we will continue to focus on numbers to 1000, embedding different strategies they can use for addition and subtraction. Following this, they will move on to looking at capacity and measure. Children are continuing to improve their number fluency skills in school, so please ensure they are regularly practising on Numbots at home to consolidate this. We recommend 10 minutes per day.



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## PE

The children will continue to have PE every week on Tuesday and Wednesday 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.

