

ST LAWRENCE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*YEAR 3
CURRICULUM
OUTLINE*

Spring Term 2019

OUT OF AFRICA



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are really looking forward to our new topic for this term, Africa. We will enjoy a stunning start, flying to Africa to explore this wonderful continent. Our fabulous finish for this topic will involve a sharing assembly on Thursday 21st March when we would like to invite parents to share all the wonderful things we have learnt about Africa.

English

We will be exploring two wonderful texts, 'The Hunter' and 'The Village that Vanished', as well as a range of fiction and non-fiction books to increase our knowledge of Africa. Inspired by these texts, children will have the opportunity to write in a range of genres such as diaries, letters, reports, instructions and stories. Through this writing they will be continuing to focus on grammar and punctuation. We will also continue with a weekly spelling focus and words of the week.



Maths

The children will continue to extend their knowledge of a range of written calculation methods for +, -, x and ÷, along with continually practising their mental strategies for calculation. They will apply their mathematical knowledge and skills to a range of themed problems, particularly focussing on money, measuring, mass and fractions.

Science

We will be investigating how sound is made and how it travels through a range of practical investigations. By studying the scientist Jane Goodall, we will explore what we can learn through observing animal behaviour.

RE

This term the children will be learning to describe and make connections between different features of religions, including exploring what it means to be a Muslim. Following this we will be thinking about the life and times of Jesus.



Computing

Using a database program we will learn how information can be sorted and create our own database for African animals. We will also investigate using an animation program and learn how to upload and manipulate images on this.

DT

Tasting food originally from Africa will inspire the children to design and make their own African couscous dish. They will also learn about how to prepare food safely.

Geography



We will revisit naming the continents and will locate countries in Africa. We will learn about the climate and landscape of different African countries and compare rural and urban communities. Please let us know if you would like to share your experiences of any time in Africa.

History

We will learn about the history of Africa, researching explorers, apartheid and reflecting on life in Africa in the past, including Nelson Mandela. We will also have an exciting focus on Ancient Egypt where the children will learn more about ancient civilisations.

Art

During our topic, we will be exploring African paintings and use these to inspire our own artwork. The children will be using the wax resist dyeing technique of batik to produce an African design.

Music

The children will learn some traditional African songs and explore African drumming, making up their own rhythm and response. They will also take part in an exciting African drumming workshop with our visitor Kristen who is originally from Ghana.

PE

The children will be developing their strokes and water safety in swimming. Swimming will be on Wednesdays this half term. In gymnastics we will be using the floor and apparatus to improve flexibility, strength and balance and create our own gymnastic routines. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit that is kept at school and remember during colder weather to pack a tracksuit for outdoor games.



PSHCE

We will focus on celebrating differences, respecting others and working co-operatively.



French

We will be reading 'Handa's Surprise' in French to continue to develop vocabulary related to fruits. We will also be learning to express our opinions about different fruits in French.

Home Learning

This will continue to be set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday.

Important Dates for the Term

<i>Monday 14 January</i>	School clubs begin
<i>Wednesday 16 January</i>	8.50 St Lawrence Hub coffee morning
<i>Tuesday 5 February</i>	9.00 Governors' AGM for parents
<i>Tuesday 12 February</i>	7.00 Maths curriculum evening
<i>Wednesday 13 February</i>	9.10-10.10 Maths curriculum morning
<i>Friday 1-Thursday 7 March</i>	3.15 Book fair
<i>Thursday 7 March</i>	World Book Day (dress up)
<i>Friday 8 March</i>	African drumming workshop
<i>Tuesday 12 March</i>	5.30-8.00 Parent consultations
<i>Thursday 14 March</i>	3.30-5.30 Parent consultations
<i>Wednesday 20 March</i>	8.50-9.15 Stay and share for parents
<i>Thursday 21 March</i>	2.30 sharing assembly for parents
<i>Friday 29 March</i>	School clubs finish
<i>Wednesday 3 April</i>	3.15 PTA Easter egg hunt

**We would like to thank you for
your continued support and co-operation**