



THEME: United Kingdom & Zimbabwe

HOMEWORK

The homework menu will also be available online. Children are to complete one activity of their choice each week. Spelling chunked words are also to be completed in this book. If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child's teacher via ClassDojo.

Reading should be completed daily, up to 20 minutes, to ensure fluency and phrasing.

Homework is due in school each Monday.

PE

Swimming lessons at Becontree Heath Leisure Centre. Your child will need a towel, swimming costume and a swimming hat every week.

RE & PSHE

In PSHE the children will be focusing on relationships and how to have healthy interactions with their friends and others. They will also discuss how to use technology safely when communicating with others. In RE the children will learn about religious and non-religious thoughts about the power of thankfulness in human life.

SCIENCE

This term, the children will learn about ~separating mixtures. They will use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated through filtering, sieving and evaporating and give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests.

LITERACY

This term the children will be studying the text from another culture 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters' by John Steptoe. The children will write an explanation based on the theme of 'beauty' through specific details in the text: (e.g., beauty through illustrations, vocabulary and character representation). The children will be performing a production based on Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.' The children will also be writing a poem based on the characters of the story.

COMPUTING

In this unit, learners start to create vector drawings. They learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. Learners recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. Learners layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.

CREATIVE ARTS

In Art children will be creating 3D African masks using a range of materials and influences.

In Music children will be learning the songs to be used in the production of 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.'

MATHS

In Maths this half term we are going to be looking at:

Fractions

- Recognising and understanding the relationship between equivalent fractions.
- Finding common denominators and using this to add and subtract fractions.
- Multiply a mixed number by a whole number.
- Understand the term % and convert to a fraction and decimal.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

In Geography children will understand and explain geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region within the world (Africa). To link with our literacy story focus based in Zimbabwe, we are going to compare the UK with Zimbabwe. Key skills will include: the use of maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate Zimbabwe and other countries in the Southern region of Africa.

Use 4 figure grid references to read maps. They will also make connections between the Equator, the tropics and Africa.

Children can use online resources to carry out some research on the wildlife reserves of Zimbabwe including the landscape.