

Year 3/4 Topic Overview- Spring 1: Kenya

English

In English we will be writing diaries from the perspective of Akimbo after reading *The Akimbo Adventures*. We will also be developing skills in writing persuasive letters.

Maths

Both Year 3s and Year 4s will be covering written methods for multiplication and division. Later in the half term we will look at length and perimeter.

Science

Our Science unit this half term is about animals including humans. Children will be using and constructing food chains to show producers, consumers, predators and prey, as well as learning about teeth and the human digestive system.

Geography

In Geography, the children will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Digimaps) to locate Kenya and describe its physical features. They will also compare human features of rural and urban Kenya and use fieldwork techniques to answer the question: How is the climate and weather is different in Nairobi and Cambridge?

RE

Our big questions is: Who was Jesus and why is he important? We will be learning about Christian beliefs about Jesus and significant events from his life and ministry, including parables and miracles.

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Computing

Children will develop an understanding of data logging, using Excel to input and present data about the weather in Cambridge and Kenya.

PE

In our gymnastics unit we will be learning to use body tension and control in jumps, balances and rolls. The Year 4s will have the excitement of swimming while the Year 3s do tag rugby.

DT

In DT we will be cooking a savoury African dish to help children understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet.

Music

We will be focussing on percussion instruments, rhythm and beat, with some exploration of African music and instruments.

PSHE

Our PSHE units this half term are:

- Friends and Family- Understanding the qualities in a healthy friendship (on and offline). Developing strategies for managing and repairing friendships and conflict resolution. Identifying how families and other special people close to us protect, care and support each other.
- RSE Week- w/c 29th January. You will be sent information about what is taught in this unit in a separate letter

Spanish

In Spanish, children will learn to follow simple classroom instructions and to name/describe animals.