



Africa - Home learning grid



Our topic this term is 'Africa' and we will be developing our geography skills and learning about life in Africa as a comparison to Britain. We will learn about the continent of Africa, but also focus in on life in Kenya. As last year the children can pick which tasks they would like to complete, allowing them more ownership of their work. This grid is for the term and the expectation is that they complete at least 3 of the tasks.

It should be noted that the children are still expected to read every day if possible and practise their times tables regularly (focus on 2, 5 and 10).

Verbal I enjoy reading, writing and speaking.	Mathematical I enjoy working with mathematics and science.	Visual I enjoy painting, drawing and visualising.	Kinaesthetic I enjoy doing hands-on activities.	Musical I enjoy making and listening to music.
Continent challenge Can you label a map of Africa to show all the different countries? How many are there? It's a big challenge, use an atlas to help you.	Ask some of your friends and family what their favourite African animal is. Record what you find out. Can you make a block graph of the most popular animals?	Design and make something African, it could be jewellery, a model of an animal, a mask, an African scene or a map. Remember that there is lots of variety across the continent of Africa.	Visit a museum and see what African artefacts you can find. You could sketch, list or take photos of what you find. Remember to check what it is and which part of Africa it is from, so that you can tell us about it.	Design and make your own African musical instrument. Research traditional African instruments, decide which you could make a version of, draw your design and make it. If it works, you can play it for us in class.
Read or ask somebody to read you a short African folktale or fable from the website http://africa.mrdonn.org/fables.html What do you like or dislike about this story? Can you retell the story in your own words?	Create a fact file about an African animal. Can you find out lots of statistics about your animal, such as how tall they can be, what they may weigh or how many of their species are living in the wild?	Create a painting of the African Savannah, try to include some of the animals or maybe the Masai tribes people. If you would like to, you could write on the back of it to make it into a postcard. Imagine what you may have been doing if you were there and what the weather may be like.	Ask an adult to help you cook a Kenyan dish from this web site. Remember to take lots of photos of you making it and then try it. What do you think? http://migrationology.com/2011/06/kenyan-food-overview-20-of-kenyas-best-dishes/	Find out about traditional African music. What instruments are commonly used? Can you create some music in an African style? You could play it in school or record it to play for us.

At least one task should be completed this half term

Tasks should be handed in when completed and will be shared in class on a Friday.

Your child is welcome to do more tasks if they choose!

Any questions - please ask.

