



A Place to Grow

Year 3



*Curriculum
Newsletter
2018*

English

Our topic this term is Africa! Our celebration of all things African will include a look at traditional tales and morals where children will have the opportunity to explore then create their own African tales.

A quintessential part of African life are the breathtaking landscapes which lend themselves to fantastic opportunities for descriptive writing.

This term we shall be continuing to look at the brilliant author Michael Morpurgo. The children will focus on a book called 'The Butterfly Lion', where they will be taken on a journey though the African veld, where they will find out all about a boy called Bertie and how a lion became his best friend.

Throughout this term, the children will have various opportunities to research and write about African life. Their writing will include a non-chronological report of an African animal, a setting description of an African veld and an opportunity to let their imagination run wild whilst creating a story about a character who grew up in Africa and their adventure.

Mathematics

Throughout this term children will be focussing upon developing their four operations (calculation), improving their problem solving and reasoning abilities and fractions.



Children will be reviewing the areas of mathematics which they find challenging and applying them in new ways.

During geography, the mathematical skills of statistics and scaling will be used in order to plot key geographical features on a map of Africa using grid coordinates.

Science

To start the term we will be finishing off our work on rocks before moving onto 'Light and Shadow'. We will be learning about how shadows are formed and how the position of the sun can affect these. We will be applying our enquiry skills to investigate.

Geography:

In Geography we will be looking at the continent of Africa including the weather and how this differs from our lives. We will be working on climate as well as daily life within Africa. We are looking forward tasting some Africa foods.

**D&T /Art/Music:**

During this term the children will be looking at a range of African artistic prints. Following this, we will identify different tribal masks and the spirits they relate to, leading on to designing and creating their own mask.

French:

We have been trying our hardest with grasping the concept of speaking French and this term will continue to improve our knowledge.

RE:

Celebrations will be the focus of our Religious Education this term. The children will identify what makes a celebration special and memorable and begin to understand how various religions celebrate holy occasions differently. The children will look at the Muslim festival of Eid and the Sikh celebration of Guru Nanak's birthday.

P.E./Games

If the weather is kind to us, we shall hopefully be getting outside where we will be playing lots of outdoor games. We will be focusing upon improving our abilities to work as part of a team whilst also developing our individual skills.

As part of our Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum we will continue to interweave our school motto and core values into everything we do.

Our school Motto:

**Perry Hall Primary, a place to grow in
confidence, creativity and ability.**

At Perry Hall we are...

**Respectful, Caring, Determined – never give up,
Enthusiastic, Independent and Motivated.**

Helping Your Child At Home

You child's PE Kit needs to be in school every day. Their timetabled PE session is on a Wednesday, however extra slots may be available on other days.

To help your child with their weekly spellings then please encourage them to practice them regularly. Spellings are tested on a Thursday/Friday and their spelling books must be in school on this day.

Homework will be given out Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Summer Term 2018 Dates

Thursday 17th May at 2:30pm - 3SW Class Assembly

Thursday 14th June at 2:30pm- 3LT Class Assembly

Friday 27th April—Silly Sock Day

Thursday 3rd May—Local Elections (school closed except to Year 6 pupils)

Monday 7th May—May bank holiday

Thursday 24th May—PTA Sponsored Bounce KS2

Monday 28th May—Monday 4th June—Half Term

Monday 4th June—INSET day

Thursday 7th June—Year 3 visit to Dudley Zoo

Saturday 7th July—PTA Summer Fayre

Thursday 19th July—Last day of school, break up for Summer

