



Life in Africa Research Project

Key Learning:

To develop knowledge of different countries in Africa
Practice map reading skills
Practice researching skills

The children will use one of the following options for their research projects:

Travel Brochure

Design and create a travel brochure to attract tourists to visit one of the countries in Africa

Fact File

Children will create a fact file about one of the Countries in Africa

Success Criteria:

- *Choose a country in Africa that interests you
- *Research information about that Country: What the weather is like, Famous or historical places that can be found in that country, what the culture is like (for example what music or foods come from those countries).
- *Use your notes from your researching to plan what information you will include in your fact file or brochure about the country.
- *Include maps, pictures or diagrams showing where in Africa your country is located.
- *Decide how to present the information
- *Create your project

Ways to help:

- *Help your child with carrying out research online, visiting the idea store.
- *Question them about what they have read to help them understand.
- *Help them plan out their projects
- *Help them manage their time, we suggest spending about 2 weeks researching, 1 week planning and 2 weeks creating their project.

Deadline: Wednesday 23rd March 2018

If you have any further questions about this research project please speak to your child's teacher.



OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2

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Welcome back to the Spring 2 term in Year 2. Below are some notes and reminders so that this year runs as smoothly as possible. [Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.](#) If you have any questions or require any help or support, please speak to any of the team before school from 8.55am.

School times / attendance

School starts at **9:00am** and end at **3:30pm**.

Make sure your child is ready for school and comes in everyday. Please arrive at school around 8:55am to be ready and inside for a 9:00 start. At the end of the day please pick your children up promptly at 3:30pm.

Notes and reminders

PE—Year 2 PE is on Monday and Wednesday. Please remember to send your child's PE kit in and make sure your child brings in a water bottle at school to stay hydrated. This half term in PE we will be looking at dance. We will look at different styles of dance and children will be given the opportunity to come up with their own sequences to create their own dances. Please ensure your children have appropriate footwear to do this.

School trip

This half term we have organised a trips which will support your child's learning in school. On the 9th March we will be visiting the Horniman Museum. This visit will be linked to the work we will be doing in Topic looking at Life in Africa. Children will be learning about the culture and lifestyles of people who live in both rural Kenya and Nairobi. On the trip children will have to opportunity to explore so African Artefacts and learn more about the culture in other parts of Africa.



Ideas on how to support your child's learning at home.

English

Fiction: Stories from Other Cultures

This half term we will be reading the story Mama Panya's Pancakes. This is a story which come from a rural village in Kenya. Children will look at how the author has shown how the characters are feeling throughout the story and will begin to use 3ED sentences to show characters emotions and actions. Children will be writing their own version of the story, showing how their characters are feeling.

Non-Fiction: Information Text

We will be looking at the features of information texts, encourage your child to read some non-fiction texts at home and talk about how the features help them understand or give them information. Children will then use the facts they have learnt about Kenya during their topic to write their own information text about Africa.

Maths

Geometry— We will be continuing to look at geometry this half term. Children will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. Looking at the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. Children will use their understanding of 2D shapes to recognize different faces on 3D shapes. They will also be looking at patterns and symmetry and use 2D shapes to help them make their own patterns.

Fractions —Children will look at fractions this time, beginning with finding a fraction of a shape. Children will focus on finding $1/2$, $1/4$, $2/3$ and $2/4$. Moving on from fractions of a shape children will then look at finding fractions of a set of objects and fractions of a number. Please help them remember to use the terms numerator and denominator when talking about the parts of a fraction.

Measures—In measures we will be looking at height and width. Children will practice using rulers to take measurements and compare objects.

Topic: Life in Africa

This half term the children will be learning about Life in Africa. They will ask questions and research about different parts of Kenya. Children will compare the rural and urban areas in Kenya to find out what physical and human features there are. Children will also compare what life is like in London compared to rural Kenya and Nairobi. Children will compare the weather and climate in London and rural Kenya. They will also look at the cultural impacts Africa has had on the rest of the world. They will look at traditional Kenyan clothing, food and ceremonies.

Computing: Children will continue to use the Scratch program to help them understand programming and how to make a set of commands for a computer to follow.

RE: The children will continue learning about Islam. Looking at the importance of the Prophet Mohammed to the Muslim people and different celebrations within the Islamic calendar.

Music— In Music, Mr Heighington will continue to teach the children how to play the recorder.

Homework

In Year 2 homework will be given to the children every Thursday and should be returned on the following Thursday. Children will be given Maths, spelling, handwriting and a piece of English homework to complete. This must be completed and returned to school.

Bug Club: Children will also be required to log onto bug club each week and complete their weekly reading activity. Children will be given a bug club homework sheet at the beginning of the half term which they must bring back to school each week to show that they have read their bug club books. We encourage parents to help their children to log onto their bug club and support them with using the program.

Try these websites for games and activities at home:

<https://oldpalace-towerhamlets.frogos.net>
www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.topmarks.co.uk
<http://www.primarygames.com/>
www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc