Term 2 Denton

From Tiny Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow Within the Love of God



English

This term, our English curriculum is full of exciting learning. Pupils will read Michael Morpurgo's The Butterfly Lion and explore traditional African stories, comparing them along the way. They will learn the features of diaries before writing their own, and we will also be focusing on the common themes and structures found in traditional stories.

Pupils will then learn and perform poems, building their confidence and fluency as they share their work with others. We are looking forward to seeing the progress they make.

Please ask your child about the stories they are enjoying at school.

Topic Overview

Our topic this term is 'Come fly with me- Africa!'. It focuses on the continent of Africa, with a key emphasis on geography and history. Pupils will learn where Africa is located and identify its largest countries. Alongside this geography element, they will study the Benin era. They will also learn about African culture, in particular typical African food and folk tales. Please see the Dimensions overview attached.

Please join us for our "African Showcase" on 2nd December from 2:15 pm

RE

Our big question this term is, 'What is the Trinity?'. The children will learn how understanding each part of the Trinity helps Christians connect with each other and God.

Maths

This term, our pupils will continue building their addition and subtraction skills before moving on to multiplication and division, using a variety of methods. We will finish the term by learning about area and how to calculate it. Throughout each area of learning, pupils will continually develop their reasoning skills and use them to solve problems.

In Denton, we are focusing on pupils verbalising what is happening when they work with numbers. This term, we will also embed our maths skills by using Mastering Number each day for 10 to 15 minutes. These short daily sessions will help pupils become more confident and fluent with numbers.

PE

This term, pupils in Denton will be enjoying weekly swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum.

We are also delighted to welcome Sarah from GW Health & Fitness, who will be teaching the pupils dance. Sarah will be linking these sessions to our theme of Africa, bringing our learning to life in a new way.

A reminder for parents: please send your child with a snack on Mondays, as it is a very physical day for our pupils.

The first session will be on 2nd November 2026

Music

Music remains a real highlight at Selsted this term. Our Year 4 pupils will keep learning the guitar with Mr Walker from Make Time for Music. They are building their confidence in playing chords and will also explore note values and rhythm. Year 3 will soon begin learning the djembe drums. Pupils will discover how to hold and play the drums, exploring a range of different rhythms.

Forest School Y3

This term, Y3 has forest school on Thursday afternoons. All dates and information have already been sent, but please ask the school office if you have any questions

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Art

In this unit, children will:
Learn to look closely at mask designs and describe specific visual features; understand how formal elements such as shape, colour, pattern, texture and form can contribute to meaning and effect.
Practise relevant drawing and making techniques before applying them in a finished outcome.
Develop and refine ideas through sketches, discussion and practical exploration.
Select and use materials with increasing purpose and control.
Evaluate their own work and respond respectfully to the work of others
Build an understanding that visual traditions have distinct contexts and meanings.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, pupils will learn how they are similar to, and different from, those around them, both at school and in the wider world. They will begin to learn about prejudice, how it can affect others, and how we can all help. A key focus of this work is helping pupils celebrate their differences. Recognising that everyone is unique helps us build a school where everyone feels valued and respected.

Our **science** learning is currently focused on animals, including humans. Pupils are using their sorting and classifying skills to examine how animals are grouped and what makes each group unique. It has been wonderful to see them making careful observations and explaining their thinking with growing confidence. Once pupils have built this foundation, we will move on to the human body. Our learning will focus on bones, digestion, and teeth, helping pupils understand how their bodies work every day. I am always delighted when learning connects so closely to the world around them, and this topic offers plenty of opportunities for curiosity and discussion.

This term, our pupils are setting off on an exciting journey with our **topic, "Come Fly With Me! Africa"**. We will begin by locating Africa in the world and identifying some of its largest countries.
From there, pupils will explore the continent's different climates, learn about the people who live there, and discover the incredible animals that call it home. We will also explore African culture, sample typical African food, and listen to some of its music.
This topic is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to broaden their understanding of the world beyond our own community. We hope it will also spark conversations at home, so do ask your child what they have discovered about Africa so far.

Alongside the topic's geographical elements, they will learn about the Benin era and how its culture shaped Africa as we know it today.
Studying the past helps our pupils make sense of the world around them. By exploring how this period influenced the continent, pupils will build a deeper understanding of place, history, and the connections between people and their surroundings. Questions and discussion will be at the heart of this learning, and we look forward to seeing what our pupils discover.