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# Curriculum Overview w Year 4



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## Autumn 1 2018 Out of Africa

This term we will be learning all about Africa through both our English reading text and our Science topic of Habitats. We will be learning about African animals, food chains and comparing habitats in the UK and Africa. We will also be learning about endangered species in Africa.

### English

Our English learning this term will be based on the Michael Morpurgo novel 'The Butterfly Lion'. We will be using the text to explore the themes of captivity and freedom.

The children will be writing a variety of texts including a narrative, a non-fiction text and a diary.

As part of our Out of Africa topic we will also be creating a leaflet about comparing habitats in the UK to Africa.

### PSHE

We will be exploring the topic 'Changes in Families'. This topic will address different types of relationships and families and what they provide us with. We will also be learning about our IGNITE value Independence.

### Music

This term the children are learning to play brass instruments.

### Maths

We will begin this term by learning about place value which will include ordering numbers and learning the value of each digit. This will then lead into calculation practice which we will apply through measurement. Finally we be learning about geometry looking closely at symmetrical shapes.

Alongside these topics we will also be continuing to learn our times tables. Please help your child in these areas, by practising them whenever and wherever you can!

### Knowledge & Understanding

#### Science

As mentioned above this half term is a science led topic on habitats and comparing how different animals live around the world.

#### ICT

We will begin this term by refreshing our E-safety learning. We will be moving on to learn how to use, sort and interrogate databases. This will be followed by creating habitat quizzes in Scratch.



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### Physical Education (PE)

In our outdoor session we are learning about the skills used in invasion games. Our other PE session this term is gym. Although we have 2 scheduled PE sessions per week please can you make sure your child has a PE kit in school from Monday to Friday as timetables can change.

### Creative Curriculum

#### R.E and PSHE

This term the children will be learning about Nelson Mandela and they will also be looking closely at the theme of freedom.

#### DT

We will be designing a CAM toy which will depict an African animal scene and will include a moving part.

#### Outdoor learning

This term we will be learning about UK habitats in the copse and around the school. We will also be spending sometime outside to help support our maths learning.

### Ideas for home

Everyday Maths, eg times tables, playing card and board games, telling time.  
Weekly maths homework.  
English-Reading using your child's reading book.  
Weekly spellings.  
Home Learning tasks and follow up from class based learning.

### Reminders and Events

20.09.17 – 3.30pm Meet the Teacher  
12.10.17 – Home learning in  
15.10.18 2-3pm – Parent outcome – bring wellies!  
18.10.18 – Egyptain dress up day  
24.5.19 – Year 4 Camp

### And Finally.....

Please continue to support your child with their home learning – your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing some fabulous examples again in year 4. Also, reading daily does make a difference, so please encourage and help whenever you can.