

Cavendish Church of England Primary School – Year 1 & 2 Autumn Term

Autumn 1		Deserts & Savannah plains		Year 1 & 2		
Big Ideas	<p>As readers we will read stories from other cultures and information texts about animals that live in the savannah and deserts.</p> <p>As writers we will write our own version of a story from another culture and create factual reports about African animals.</p> <p>As scientists we will look at how animals grow and change into adults and how they achieve their basic needs.</p> <p>As geographers we will be locating where the deserts and Savannah regions are on a world map.</p>		<p>As historians we will be looking at the history of the great deserts and plains of Africa and how population growth is affecting the wildlife.</p> <p>As computer experts we will be using technology to collect data about African animals.</p> <p>As design technologists we will use levers and sliding mechanisms to make a moving picture of animals in the savannah.</p> <p>As cooks we will be making vegetable cous cous and tasting different fruits from our story, Handa's Surprise.</p> <p>As artists we will studying the work of Queenie McKenzie and creating our own aboriginal art work using paint.</p>			
	Enrichment		We are going to be visiting Colchester zoo to look at and learn about different African animals.			
Further Opportunities	Readers		To read about the deserts and plains of the Savannah in books and on the internet.			
	Writers		To write about the deserts and Savannah plains in our topic books, for display in the classroom and around the school.			
	Communication		We will be working in teams to film our own recipes and research information in topic work. We will be taking part in role play and hot seating during English lessons.			
	Mathematics		We will use measurement to look at the size and weight of different animals. We will be recording data in science lessons.			
RE	During the autumn term our RE focus will be 'Believing'. This half term we will be learning about Teshuvah in Judaism and next half term we will be thinking about why Jesus is given the name 'Saviour' in our Christianity unit.					
CW Value	Our collective worship themes this term are thankfulness and justice.					
PSHE	Our PSHE units of learning are 'My role and rights in our community' and 'Democracy and rule of law'.					
SMSC Opportunities	Social		Moral		Spiritual	Cultural
	We will collaborate together during learning activities and play times. We will be working positively as a team to prepare our Nativity.		We will consider our moral decisions in school – generosity, kindness, sharing and compassion.		We will be reflecting on our school vision and how we can apply this into our learning. We will be practicing relaxation techniques in our Tai Chi lessons.	We will be exploring cultural differences between Britain and Africa. We will be celebrating Sukkot, Harvest and festivals of light.
Fundamental British Values	Democracy		Rule of Law		Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect
	We will be voting for representatives on the School, Faith, Art, Health and Wellbeing and Eco Councils		We will be learning about the importance of the school's five golden rules and how we can apply these in our learning and play.		We will have opportunities to choose our own learning activities and have the right to choose our own friendships within the class.	We will learn about our peers in Jupiter class and show respect for their beliefs and opinions. We will engage in multi-cultural activities respectfully.

