



Year 2 Spring 2 - Bringing the Rain to the Kapiti Plain

Topic overview

In Spring 2, we are going to explore African culture, making comparisons in the farming process between the UK and Kenya, and designing and making bags from our core text. We will engage in storytelling, conducting controlled experiments and showcasing our IT skills.

Big Bang Day!

The children will explore traditional Kenyan dancing from Masai, making Kenyan jewellery and learning songs in Swahili. The children will take part in a workshop provided by Perform to launch our new topic, Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain. The children will experience African dancing and an introduction to Africa.

Educational

visitors:

TBC

Our Learning Overview

Bringing the Rain to the Kapiti Plain

English

In English, we will explore African poetry and writing our own pieces. We will then use the Talk for Writing scheme to retell, innovate and create our own fiction text, based on "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain". We will develop our knowledge of a variety of writing styles and learning features of descriptive writing.

Maths

In maths, we will be learning about measurements including length and height. We will also be developing our knowledge of mass capacity and temperature.

Science

In science, we will develop our knowledge of plants and revisit the characteristics of living things. We will be learning about the germination process, and conducting our own controlled experiments, recording our findings and making observations.

Computing

In computing, we will continue to develop our technological skills. We will explore using a search engine, collecting, sorting and displaying information, saving data, videos and photos. We will then create different types of digital content, using a combination of text and images.

Geography

In geography, we will be learning about Kenya, its location and exploring its rural features. We will make comparisons between the UK and Kenya and the differences in temperatures, rainfall and the process of farming.

RE

In R.E., we will explore the question: "How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?", focusing on Easter and Pesach. We will identify ways Christians celebrate special and sacred times, retelling stories and identifying similarities and differences between other religious celebrations.

Art/DT

This term we will be develop our textiles skills, through investigating materials, existing design products and studying joining techniques. We will then design, make and evaluate a bag from our core text "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain".

Key Texts

