



Alpine Class Newsletter Term 3&4

How do people live in Africa?

In Alpine Class this Term, we are very excited to learn all about Africa.

In Term 3, we will learn about some of the key countries and places in Africa, while also finding out about Nelson Mandela: one of the most important World leaders who helped to fight injustice in his country and across the world. We will revise the location of different continents around the world and then focus in on the countries and locations in Africa. We will look at how different people live in Africa, both in our Topic lessons and in English when we read “If you were me and lived in Kenya” by Carole P. Roman.

In Term 4, we will also look at folk tales from Africa, compare these with Britain’s famous folk tales and then retell these in our own words. We will also compare life in Africa with life in Ashford.

In our Art and DT lessons we will be learning how to use watercolours to create sunset backgrounds, before drawing and painting animal silhouettes on top. These will be animals that we find out about in our Africa learning. We will also be designing and creating African-style traditional masks and we will also look at African fashion designers, as these are becoming more important in Western clothing.

We are very excited to “KIC” our learning off with KIC Theatre and we will continue the excitement with African drumming and dancing in our Music and PE lessons. We will also be having an African drumming workshop in Term 4.



Class news:

Hello to all of the amazing Alpine Class and their families! We hope you had a superb Christmas break and a very happy New Years’ Eve too. The children in our class were so well-behaved and hard-working last Term and they had a marvellous Christmas period, learning lots about this special time of year and celebrating it together too.

Our Alpine Class pupils have come back, raring to go and ready to learn lots about Africa. We have all been so impressed by their prior knowledge about continents, countries and cities as well as the facts they know from home about Africa. What a knowledgeable class!

This Term it is more important than ever that all our pupils are reading as often as possible as this will help them with their reading, writing and concentration skills. Your children have massive potential to succeed and if they can practise lots at school and at home, they will reach these high levels which we believe they can! There will also be regular online learning practice on Spelling Shed and Numbots (we can give out logins if you need) and we will also give the pupils an optional piece of written home learning each week too, to support their English or Maths skills. All of our class pupils are encouraged with table-points, prizes and library treats if they practise well at home.

If you have any questions at all, please speak to us at school drop-off/pick up times or email the school office and we will do all we can to help. We can’t wait to see all of the exciting knowledge and skills that the Alpine Class children gain this Term!

Mr Leone Mrs Cooper Miss Webster

In English we will be learning about Nelson Mandela's life and also researching about the lives of our teachers and family members to practise our Biography-writing skills.

We will be writing about life in Kenya and then life in Ashford, making comparisons between the two.

In Term 4, the children will read and re-tell African folk-tales and compare these with the folk-tales they have heard of in the UK.

Throughout both terms we will be working hard to improve our spelling skills and our knowledge of grammar terms and uses as well.

In Maths we will complete our learning about money, before starting our learning about multiplication and division. We will learn our 2s, 5s and 10s times tables and also see how these lead to division facts too. In school, we will use TTRockstars.com to practise these skills.

In Term 4, our learning will focus on 2D and 3D shapes, revising the facts about them and then we will look at different fractions and try to find these within shapes.



In Science we will be learning about 'Uses of Everyday Materials.'

Within this unit, we will look at the suitability of different materials for different jobs. For example, whilst wood makes a good building material, it is not popular for building cars...Why not?!

We will also look at how some materials can change shape by squashing, squeezing or stretching them out. Which materials can do this? Which cannot?

In PE in Term 3, on Tuesdays, we will develop our skills in lots of different areas and in Term 4, we will be playing basketball and netball. Our indoor sessions will focus on our Gym skills and then Dance in Term 4.

In computing, the children learn how to take photos of animals and then edit these on computers.

Our **PSHCE** learning will focus on being part of a group, looking after our money and thinking about substances that are harmful.

Useful websites:

<http://trockstars.com>

[http:// play.edshed.com/spelling](http://play.edshed.com/spelling)

Topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years

Maths-aids.com/multiplication/ Maths-aids.com/Division/

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-2>

<https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>

<https://www.artforkidshub.com/how-to-draw/>

How you can help your child:

- make sure they have plenty of sleep
- make sure they have a good breakfast
- try to read with them every day
- help them to learn their spellings using the class sheets and/or spelling shed.
- help them to log in and use Numbots or TTRockstars every week.
- encourage them to speak to an adult if they are having problems with anything.
- make sure they are on time and in school every day