

### **Topic**

This term Year 5/6 are exploring Africa. We will be refining our research and presentation skills to produce a variety of products in our integrated learning sessions to carefully study the geography, history, art and cultures of Africa. We are excited to be welcoming an African explorer into our classrooms to talk to us. The children will also be developing a deeper understanding of earth and space and we look forward to our Space Dome experience!

### **Literacy**

In class we will be studying African Tales, discovering how they are similar and different from our well-known traditional stories. Through looking at how magic and characters are depicted in African cultures we will be writing and evaluating a variety of non-fiction texts, including non-chronological reports, explanations and reference articles based on the cross-curricular work in our topic and our science programme of study

### **Maths**

We have a good balance of written and practical mathematical activities planned for the term. There will be an emphasis on reasoning strategies, arithmetic skills and problems solving strategies. The use of these skills in real life contexts will be explored through different problems and investigations. Having explored the questioning and use of maths in real life contexts in the Shanghai and Singaporean maths programmes, we will be incorporating these techniques into our daily lessons.