



# YEAR 6 – Summer 1

## Topic/theme

MAAFA.

Throughout this project we will learn all about Africa past and present and the development of the slave trade. We will also explore Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.

## Reading

In our reading lessons, we will cover a range of reading skills based around a variety of high-quality and vocabulary rich texts. This half term we will focus our lessons on the novel 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' and then move onto our topic based novel 'Freedom'.

Within our reading lessons, we will consider a range of texts including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, drawing upon our knowledge to support our understanding of the texts.

Children will explore how authors use vocabulary to convey emotions and how dialogue is used to move the story forward. Children will explore seasonal themed poems learning how authors use language for effect and identifying the effect language can have on the reader.

## Writing

We will begin the half term by creating a narrative using the video clip 'Beyond the Lines'.

We will use the clip as a stimulus to create a story which builds emotion through the use of descriptive language. We will then base our writing on our new class novel 'Freedom'. We will write a diary entry as Nathaniel, thinking about how he feels as his mother and sister are taken away. We will then write a non-chronological report on the slave trade.

We will then continue to refine our use of grammar and punctuation across the half-term to ensure our writing is as brilliant as can be!

## Maths

Revision: Following the completion of our maths curriculum we will start revision of all topics that have been taught throughout the year, in preparation for the end of year tests. Focusing on using and applying the maths knowledge to reasoning and problem-solving questions for the topics: ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, coordinates, statistics and properties of shape.

## PSHE

Children will start by learning about their physical health and wellbeing, which will cover the importance of looking after your mental health and its impact on everyday activities. The children will look at positive strategies for managing feelings and how to ask for help. They will also be taught about how to manage emotions during the exam period within school.





### **Science**

This half term, children will be learning about the science topic of living things and their habitat. The children will describe how living things are classified, using observable characteristics, as well as giving reasons between the classification of different plants and animals based on their characteristics. Throughout the topic the children will also explore microorganisms, looking at different types of microorganisms, how they grow and how their growth can be affected.

### **Art and Design**

Trailblazers, barrier breakers.

This project teaches children about significant black artists and their work. It provides children with the opportunity to analyse and create artworks inspired by the artists they explore. Children explore social, cultural or personal issues in a piece of their own artwork, beginning by exploring ideas in their sketchbook. Children will then analyse and evaluate artworks by prominent black artists, sharing their own thoughts and opinions. Children will use pencils, paints and art software to create their own artwork to show their thoughts and feelings about an issue that has meaning to them.

### **Music**

This term's topic is Music and Me. We will be focusing upon inspirational women working in music. Children will be exploring the concept of identity and the various elements that shape us.

### **Religious Education**

This term's RE lessons will explore the religion of Christianity. Children will learn about how Christian's view God, the purpose of worship and faith in the UK. We will develop our understanding of the tradition of resting on Sunday and if this practice is observed in other places around the world.

### **PE**

This half term, the children will be learning different athletics skills and events in their PE lessons. This will include running, throwing and jumping events such as the long jump, relay race and the javelin.

