Eden Primary Medium Term Planning

Nitzanim (Year 4) 2023 - 2024

Theme for the year: Our World / Peoplehood / Global Responsibility

Autumn 2: AFRICA - PEOPLE AND LAND

Culminating Projects: Write an additional chapter for Journey to Jo'burg and building 3D maps of African countries.

OVERVIEW:

Our topic this half term has a **Geography** focus – both human and physical. We will develop our map-reading skills and knowledge of geographical features and compare maps of African countries. The children will gain an understanding of the many countries, diversity and huge size of Africa, and of some of its natural wonders and famous landmarks. We will also learn about diversity within Africa and look at different lifestyles within Africa, rural and urban.

Our key text this term is *Journey to Jo'Burg* by Beverly Naidoo, a novel set in South Africa during *apartheid*, which focuses on identity, migration and family. We will use this text in **English** to develop our narrative writing skills, as we write a sequel chapter to the story including dialogue, action and description. We will also discuss equality as a Jewish and British value and understanding culture and heritage.

In **Maths**, we will be learning to multiply and divide one or two digit numbers by 10 and 100. We will also be converting units of measure, and estimating data including time and perimeter. We will investigate practical problems involving these mathematical skills.

This half term, our **Jewish Studies**, **Design and Technology** and **Science** lessons will be closely linked. In **Science** we will study Electricity, and in **Design and Technology** the children will design a Chanukiah. This will be linked to other religious festivals involving light.

Key Texts Journey to Jo'burg – Beverley Naidoo

Thematic learning for this half term:

Subject	Content	Skills / knowledge	Vocabulary		
English	Narrative writing Write the continuation of a story (based on class text).	Plan, draft, edit and proofread work. Include dialogue, action and description. Use direct speech punctuation correctly. Use fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, varied openers. Use paragraphs.	Plan draft edit proofread dialogue inverted commas fronted adverbials expanded noun phrases paragraphs		
	Information Text	Newspaper article Use fronted adverbials Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors.	Newspaper text commas paragraphs content structure subject conclusion present tense technical vocabulary (content) third person audience purpose		
Computing	Online Safety Writing for different audiences	Identifying risks of software and understanding computer viruses. Discuss a variety of material and the impact font size and type have. Use text formatting to make a piece of writing fit for its audience and purpose.	Campaign, Format, Font, Genre, Opinion, Reporter Viewpoint		

Jewish Studies	Hannukah	Know the origins of narrative and traditions of Hanukah (incl. dreidel). Learn first verse of Maoz Tzur. Make and eat international oily foods. Compare siddurim from around the world. Tzedek Mitzvot from Torah	Judah Hillel Shammai Maoz Tzur
	Tzedek (Justice)	Explore the Jewish concept of tzedek (justice) and tzedakah Understand and debate Rambam's ladder of tzedakah. Link to ten commandments and international law.	Diversity Traditions Chesed
RE	Christmas	Understand why this holiday is important to Christians. Know the story and traditions of Christmas. Compare the Advent period with Jewish periods of reflection and preparation.	Christians Christianity Advent
Science	Electricity	Identify common appliances that run on electricity Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights	Appliances Simple circuit cells wires bulb switch buzzers predict battery conductors insulators materials

		in a simple series circuit. Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors. Link to light and religious festivals.		
Art Design & Technology	Electric hannukiah or candle holder	Research, design and build a hannukiah or candle holder that includes an electrical circuit. Test finished product and resolve any faults.	Research design test	
Geography	Biomes 3d maps of Africa	What are the different types of Biomes? Which ones can be found in Africa and where? Why can they all not be found there? Use this to identify different geographical features of Africa	Biomes Tundra, Desert, Grassland, Tropical Rainforest. Mountains, deserts, rivers, lakes, hills, mountain ranges, major cities.	
History	Journey to Jo'Burg	Use this to find about the changes in South Africa in recent history	Government, apartheid Manmade and natural landmarks.	
Music	African drumming	Listen and respond to music from different parts of Africa. Compose, rehearse and perform music as a class and in groups, using African djembe drums. Sing in parts. Learn some basic note values and use these to write	Listen respond compose rehearse perform rhythm notes beat	

		and perform short rhythms.	
PSHE / Values	(Social) Relationships – marriage, civil partnership, adoption, fostering. Cyber bullying Eden Value	Explore different types of relationships: friends; professional; close family; neighbor etc. Understand differences between surprises and secrets. Reflect on what we think about differences and stereotypes. Explore how language can play a part in this. Community – Celebrating differences and uniqueness. Diversity and inclusion.	Friendship Professional relationship Family relationships adoption fostering secrets surprises stereotypes anti bullying

Discrete learning (not linked to Topic)

Maths	Including	Multiply and Divide a One or Two-digit Number by 10 and 100 Measures – Compare, Estimate and Calculate	Convert millilitres pictogram	millimetres litres r	centir metres	metres line graph	centilitres
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	Continuous Data (Time Graphs), Including Application of Scales and Division Perimeter		
PE	Swimming with specialist teachers.	Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.	
	Gymnastics	Move, stop and remain still with balance and clarity of movement and shape Develop flexibility and strength. Develop technique, control and balance. Use skills in different ways and to link them to make actions and sequences of movement.	Move stop balance movement flexibility strength control

On-going learning

Area of Curriculum	Content	Skills / Knowledge Create games to help learn spellings Strategies for learning spellings			
Spellings	Prefixes – in-, il-, im- and ir- Words ending with ey sound spelt ei, eigh or ey Words with sh sound spelt ch Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-er', '-en', '-ed')				
Sentence and word level work	Developing sentence structure and length, vocabulary, adverbs, paragraphs, punctuation. (Taught through English lessons, including '5 minute Grammar' starter sessions).	Use a variety of conjunctions and know how they change the meaning of sentences. Use direct speech punctuation correctly. Use appropriate and interesting adjectives when describing Use fronted adverbial phrases, expanded noun phrases and other constructions to make writing more interesting.			
Handwriting	Handwriting practice (3 x week) Penpals for Handwriting	Handwriting Learn 'break letters' g, j and y and the letters x and z, which are never joined to or from.			

Hebrew	In the classroom: Part 2:continue acquisition of vocabulary Words Mitachat(Underneath)Moreh/Morah	Reading and decoding using our Aleph champ scheme and sifroni children progress according to their level using the scheme
Reading	Guided Reading will focus on comprehension, fast and fluent decoding, We will read a class stories at the end of each day, to share more challenging chapter books.	Summarising – of short passages / scenes. Predicting – based on evidence in the text. Inferring – using clues in the text to infer a character's feelings and motives. Comprehension - extended reading of longer texts, responding in writing.
Mental Maths	Weekly practice of times table through games, to include multiplication and division facts. Weekly times table / division test.	Revise 3, 4, 8 times tables (as needed). Learn 6, 7 and 9 times tables and then 11, 12. Know corresponding division facts for known times tables. Know times tables in any order.

Tefillah	Shabbat prayers / consolidation	Learn to leyn v'shomru Find brachot for lighting candles in siddur Look closely at first two paragraphs of the Amidah. Revision of prayers learnt to date and locating them in the siddur
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