



Hear the Congo Rhythm!

Our Topic

This term's topic, Hear the Congo Rhythm, will allow the children to explore the fascinating country of the Democratic Republic of Congo. There will be a particular focus on the history of African colonisation as well as the diverse landscapes of the Congo in geography. We will use Albert and Antoinette Lubaki's paintings as a reference point to explore watercolour techniques and look at how we can use natural resources to make colours and shades. We will be reading the story Journey to Jo'Burg as our class novel during this term.

PE

We ask that children have their full PE kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at the weekend and during holidays.

Homework

In Year 5, we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Year 5 will be expected to:

- Regularly read at home. At least three times a week. Teachers will check the children's home school diary at the end of each week.
- Learn their weekly spellings to be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.
- Complete weekly Doodle Learning homework (alternate maths/English). This will be checked each Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 Team

History	In history, we are learning about African colonisation known as the 'Scramble for Africa'.
Geography	In geography, the children will be learning about the diverse landscapes of The Congo and plotting key points on a map.
Science	We are focusing on the topic living things and their habitats, including looking at the life cycles of various animals.
DT	We will be researching, designing and making Brownies.
Art	We are using Albert & Antoinette Lubaki's paintings as inspiration to explore watercolour techniques.
Computing	We will continue to follow our new scheme of work: Teach Computing.
PE	In PE we will be looking at the skills required for gymnastics and learning some Samba dancing linked to our topic.
Music	In music, we will continue to celebrate our 'Musicians of the Month' whilst also developing our understanding of rhythm and pitch through our music scheme.
Spanish	In Spanish, we are continuing to develop our fluency in speaking and understanding Spanish phrases.
RE	In RE we are going to be learning about local mosques.
PSHCE	We will be looking at healthy lifestyles with a link to computing as we will be thinking about limiting our time spent online and the wellbeing benefits. This term, we will also be learning about puberty and looking at how our bodies change; physically and emotionally.

Creative Homework

As a school, we always encourage children to complete creative homework linked to our topic which will be celebrated in school.

Here are some ideas for some of the things you could try at home:

Design and make some Congolese inspired clothing.	Research and cook a Congolese dish (we would love to see some photos!)
Create a jungle diorama.	Make a tapestry in the style of Albert and Antoinette Lubaki.
Make a model of Mount Niragongo.	Write a diary entry from the perspective of Henry Morton Stanley.