



Headteacher: Caroline King

T: 020 7254 1143, Fax: 020 7249 7576

Colvestone Primary School

Colvestone Crescent, London, E8 2LG

Email: office@colvestone.hackney.sch.uk

Out of School learning experiences

To enrich our Africa theme, we will visit the Hackney Museum's Black History Month exhibition exploring the stories behind Kente cloth. We will also attend a Junior Citizenship workshop.

Reminders

- **African Dance and Drumming and Yoga** are on Mondays. **Football** is on a Thursday. Please ensure your child brings the correct PE kit.
- **Homework:** is given out each Friday and is to be returned by the following Wednesday.



- **Reading:** It is important your child continues to read every day at home for at least 15 minutes. Please make time to listen to your child read and ask questions about their current book.

Punctuality: It is really important that children get into good time keeping habits from an early age. If your child is late, they miss out on the start of lessons at 9.00 which can affect their learning.



I will be out of class on a Friday morning and the class will be covered by Miss Veronica. Mr Macfarlane will teach the class at different times during the week.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support over Autumn term.



Colvestone Primary School

Class newsletter Year 6

Autumn term 2015

Anna Yates
William Macfarlane
Nikki Jackson

Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term is African Heritage. In Year 6 we will be learning about South Africa. Our class novel is *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverley Naidoo and we will use the text to learn more about the political history of Nigeria.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World (KUW)

Through our Topic work, we will investigate the questions:

- What was Apartheid?
- Who was Nelson Mandela and how did he affect the future of South Africa?
- What are the natural and man made landmarks of South Africa?



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED).

This term we will:

- Reflect on the learning behaviours from our class Colvestone acrostic poem and set personal targets for the term
- Prepare for the journey through Year 6, thinking of aims and goals

Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD)

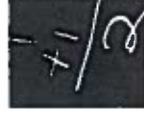
This term we will learn:

- To experiment with tense in the style of Beverley Naidoo
- To write diary entries in the role of characters from the novel
- To make group presentations exploring the challenging subject matter
- To write a persuasive leaflet about the theme of bullying explored in the novel
- To write a newspaper article about events in the novel
- To improve our writing through a focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Problem Solving and Reasoning about Numbers (PSRN)

In Maths this term we will learn about:

- Place value of integers and decimal numbers
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000
- Rounding decimal numbers to the nearest whole number and tenth
- Accurate calculation strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Improving our Maths through a focus on mental strategies and arithmetic



We will explore South African tradition and culture through creative subjects.

In Science, we will learn about evolution and adaptation of animals and plants.

In RE we are learning about Jewish festivals and then the beliefs of Buddhists.



Physical Development (PD): Swimming and Dance

This term we will learn:

- A variety of skills in football .
- To choreograph and perform a dance in African dance and drumming.
- To develop strength and flexibility through yoga
- To be a good sport and play fairly.
- To work collaboratively with a team.



Creative Development (CD)

This term we will:

- Use a variety of art, music, dance and drama activities to enrich our Africa topic, including exploring the South African national anthem, creating silhouette art work inspired by Lagos and South African cities and using drama to explore some of the themes in the novel.