



# Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 1

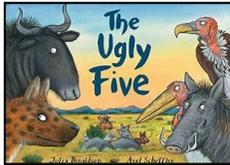
## Amazing Africa

Hamjambo! Why do zebras have stripes? Where do lions live? It's time to discover amazing Africa and the wild animals that live there.

### Literacy

We will be continuing with our Read, Write, Inc sessions where we will learn new digraphs (two letters that make one sound!) and continue to develop our letter formation. We will be developing our fluency skills in reading and learning red words (words we can't sound out). We will focus on writing sentences .

**Favourite Five**— These are five books we are going to focus on in our story times and enjoy reading multiple times. *The Ugly Five*, *Handa's Surprise*, *Giraffes Can't Dance*, *The Lion Who Wanted to Love*, *We All Went on Safari*.



### Maths

We will be exploring how **numbers up to 10** are made and building fluency by recalling **number bonds to 5**. We will also be beginning to learn about **mass and capacity**, as well as **length, height and time**.



### PSED

We will continue with our Jigsaw scheme of work, moving on to the **Dreams and Goals** unit. In this module, we will talk about challenges we might face and explore different ways to overcome them. We will also think about goals we might set for the future and the support we may need to help us achieve them.

### Communication and Language

We will be practising our listening skills and developing our attention during our story times with our '**Favourite Five**' books. Whilst learning about our new theme we will be exposed to new vocabulary such as **Africa, Serengeti, Maasai, camouflage, wild**.

### Physical

Alongside our weekly PE lesson, we will also be developing our independence skills whilst learning to do our **zips up on our coats, turning sleeves inside out and putting on our gloves**. We will also be learning to use a **knife and fork** to cut at mealtimes. Support with practising these vital skills at home will hugely benefit your child.

### Understanding the World

We will learn where Africa is and what the landscapes, people and wildlife are like across this stunning continent. Who are the **Maasai**? What is **camouflage**? Where is the **Serengeti**? We'll learn about what school is like for African children and compare the day in the life of a Kenyan child.



### Expressive Arts and Design

Getting creative we will be making **African animal masks by collaging materials** and creating camouflaged pictures. We will learn about African jewellery and explore colour and texture whilst creating our own. We will also watch and listen to some **African drumming** and play instruments before making our own.



### What can I do at home?

Why not visit your local library together to find out more about this cool continent? You could also curl up on the sofa and watch *The Lion King*, *Tarzan*, *Born Free* or *Madagascar*.

