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

This half term, we'll be visited by an African dance or music group who will teach us to dance, sing and play instruments. We'll 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? Let's find out! We'll learn about what school is like for African children, use our senses to explore a 'market stall' of African foods and make African-style pancakes to fill with delicious ingredients. We'll use our imaginations to explore African animals, record animal noises and write our own call and response songs. Using sticks, we'll make African-themed marks in soggy soil, and create an African landscape using sand, rocks, gravel and driftwood. In mathematics, we'll count and estimate animal numbers and in literacy, use labels and captions to identify animal traits. Then we'll get creative, tapping out syllables on drums as we talk and trying our hand at African printing.

At the end of the project, we'll make a book out of the photos we've taken. Then we'll write a funny story about wild animals in unusual settings and play in the wild outdoors, pretending to be our favourite African beasts.

Help your child prepare for their project:

Africa is awesome! 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*. Alternatively, tear up coloured paper and work together to make a vibrant animal collage. Can you include a range of animal markings?

Memorable experience	African dance
Innovate challenge	Amazing animals!
CLD	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking
PD	Moving and handling
PSED	Self-confidence and self-awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour; Making relationships
English	Reading; Writing
Maths	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
World	People and communities; The world; Technology
Exp A&D	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative