

Headlands Primary School Theme Challenge Planning

Prime Learning Challenge:

What impact did Wangari Maathai have on protecting the environment?

Introduction

We will begin our topic by exploring artefacts central to the life of Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan conservationist. Using inference and deduction, the children will piece together her life and the impact she had on environmental issues and empowering women. Year 5 will develop a further understanding of life in Kenya through music and art. To conclude we will celebrate her achievement by planting our own tree and reading poetry inspired by the theme.



A Spotlight On Kenya

Learning Objective:

As **writers**, children will retell the story of 'Planting the trees of Kenya' highlighting the importance of Wangari Maathai's work. The children will also write poetry linked to the topic.

As **geographers**, Year 5 will locate Kenya on a map and will gain a clear understanding of the physical features of Kenya as well as its place in the world. They will also learn about the impact of deforestation in Kenya and other countries.

As **historians**, children will learn about what Kenyan society was like and how it is today. They will also learn about how Wangari Maathai changed history through her actions and support.

As **scientists**, the children will take part in a science day to learn about the main parts of the circulatory system and their functions.

As **artists**, Year 5 will create a fabric collage countryside scene inspired by the work of Kadir Nelson in 'Mama Miti'.

Year 5 Term 3