

Science Africa is home to some incredibly large animals. The African elephant is the largest living land mammal. It can weigh more than 6 tonnes! The Gorilla is the largest primate on Earth and they live in the forests of Sub-Saharan Africa. The Nile Crocodile is the largest reptile in Africa and they can be 5 metres long! The Goliath frog is the largest living frog on Earth; growing up to 32cm long! Africa is also home to the largest bird on Earth – the Ostrich! These are flightless birds that can run at speeds of 60 mph. Africa is also home to some of the world's fastest animals.

Your challenge is to research the cheetah. Below are just some of the kinds of facts you may want to include in your research file. How does it hunt? What does it eat? Is there anything that eats Cheetahs? How fast can it run? How long can it keep that running speed up for? Does it live in family groups or alone? How long do the cubs stay with their mother?

Music

Africa is a very large and diverse continent with many musical styles and cultures across its different countries and regions.

The **djembe** is an example of a very popular African drum.

Listen to this djembe drum performance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZHfmg1b4mc>

See if you can use the website below to answer these questions about the djembe drum.

<http://www.drumofafrica.co.uk/articles/the-djembe/>

1. When and where was the djembe drum invented?
2. What shape is the body of a djembe drum?
3. What is the head of the drum traditionally made of?
4. What are the three main sounds that can be played on a djembe?
5. Traditionally, why did *griots* play the djembe?

What else can you find out about djembe drums using the website?

Present your information as a poster, a fact file, or a leaflet.

Challenge – Can you find out about any other African drums?

R.E. / P.S.H.E.

Traditional African religions are the traditions of the religious groups in Africa. After Christianity and Islam, they are the third biggest religious group in Africa. These religions still stick to their traditions. They are folk religions, and combine different beliefs.

What information can you find out about the traditional African religions?

What are their practices and rituals?

You could present your information as a poster, an annotated drawing, a fact file or even a Powerpoint presentation.

Geography

Africa is the second largest continent in size and population. With 54 countries, there are over 1.1 billion people living on the continent which is 15% of the world!

Click [here](#) to learn about the longest river in Africa. Can you spot how many countries this famous river flows through? Why was this river so important to Ancient Egyptians?

The largest hot desert is also in Africa: the Sahara. Click [here](#) to find some interesting facts and [here](#) for a video showing how swallows migrate in the Sahara.

Have you ever wondered where chocolate really comes from?

Learn all about cocoa farming and the Fairtrade foundation [here](#).



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The Continent of Africa

Computing- Coding

Can you animate an African animal sprite on scratch? Watch the tutorial to help you.

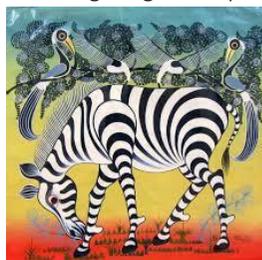
[Click on this help sheet for support.](#)

Please send us pictures of your finished animated sprite!



Art and Design

African art is known for its brilliant colours and distinctive patterns. Tingatinga is a painting style that focuses on African animals that developed in the 20th century in Tanzania and later spread to most of East Africa. It is one of the most widely recognised forms of African paintings and is named after its founder, Tanzanian painter Edward Said Tingatinga. Can you create your own Tingatinga painting?



P.E. / Dance

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zstw2hv>

Watch this video to see the Kokuma Dance Company perform stepping and jumping patterns with strong arm gestures. Can you recreate this dance or make your own? Try to use swinging and jumping motifs and use all the space around you! The dance is accompanied by African drum rhythms. Watch the dance until the end and then there is a short interview with one of the dancers, who explains how different dance routines from Africa are put together!

Design and Technology

Create your own Djembe Drums. Djembe means 'to Gather in Peace', and these drums are usually used to spread some peace and happiness among the people. Mainly from West Africa, this drum is shaped like a goblet. Have a go at creating your own version!



Spend your time designing and making a traditional African mask. Since African masks are generally quite large, you can go ahead and make a big collage! Have fun with different art materials to create a gorgeous mask!



Necklaces are an important part of African culture and each tribe has a different version. In some places, the style and length of the necklace indicates whether a woman is married or not. The necklaces are truly works of art, and you can create your own using paper plates and pasta!



History

Find out about the first black president of South Africa and his campaign for freedom and justice throughout the world.

Who was Nelson Mandela?

[Click on this link to BBC Bitesize.](#)

What year was he awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

[Click here at DK Find Out!](#)

Can you create a Nelson Mandela Chronological time line of important dates?

[Chronological Timeline activity.](#)

Create a Nelson Mandela 'Knowledge Organiser' with interesting facts or create an Acrostic Poem.

