

# Year 5

## Journey to Jo'Burg



### Focus Book: *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo

#### English

This is a story about the apartheid in South Africa – it will link to narratives and recounts. To develop the children's reading, we will be exploring the thoughts and feelings of characters in different situations and from diverse cultures.

To develop the children's grammar, we will be focusing on expanded noun phrases, similes, metaphors and personification. We will also explore sentence openers, power of three and relative clauses. We will be discussing the key historical events surrounding the apartheid.

#### Maths

In Mathematics, the children's understanding of fractions will be developed. They will also develop their skills of calculating area and perimeter. We will be revisiting mental and written methods for all four mathematical operations.

#### Science, Geography and History

#### Science

##### Key Questions:

Can you feel the force?  
As scientists, we will carry out experiments involving forces.  
We will learn how to produce diagrams using correct symbols.  
We will learn about friction and gravity and balanced forces.  
We will experiment with forces in water and air.  
We will use our learning to testing out our own electronic cars.

#### History / Geography

##### Key Questions:

What impact did Nelson Mandela have on society?  
We will read about and listen to the speeches of famous freedom fighters and learn about how they changed things for the better in society.  
Does it make a difference where in Africa you grow up?  
What are the human and physical features of Africa?  
How does Africa compare to other countries?

#### Art and Design

Portrait drawing of Nelson Mandela, incorporating his work for freedom.

#### Technology

Designing and constructing electronic cars.

#### Computing

We will be using multimedia to create African Stories with sound effects  
Handling data: logging data  
e-Safety: we will be exploring how to keep safe when downloading

#### PE

**Invasion Games:** Quick sticks hockey

**Dance:** creating African themed dance.

#### PSHE

Diversity and Communities.  
*Link to The Long Road to Freedom topic.*

#### RE

Exploring the Nativity - Jesus the Messiah. Understanding Christianity – what is incarnation?

#### Music

The children be learning all about Jazz and creating some funky sounds!

#### Languages

##### French

My home;  
Language based on a home theme eg. words for kitchen, bathroom

#### Learning Values

##### Aspiration

Understand how early settlers shaped our civilisation.  
We will be inspired by the writing of an author, Anthony Browne.

##### Responsibility

Designing and making items in the style of that era.  
We hope that Anthony Browne will reply to our letters.

##### Collaboration

We will work with a learning partner to discuss ideas.  
We will be learning to listen to our partner's opinion and sometimes reach a compromise on our ideas.

##### Perseverance

What motivated early man to make changes in their lifestyles? What does their life tell us about perseverance?

##### Discovery

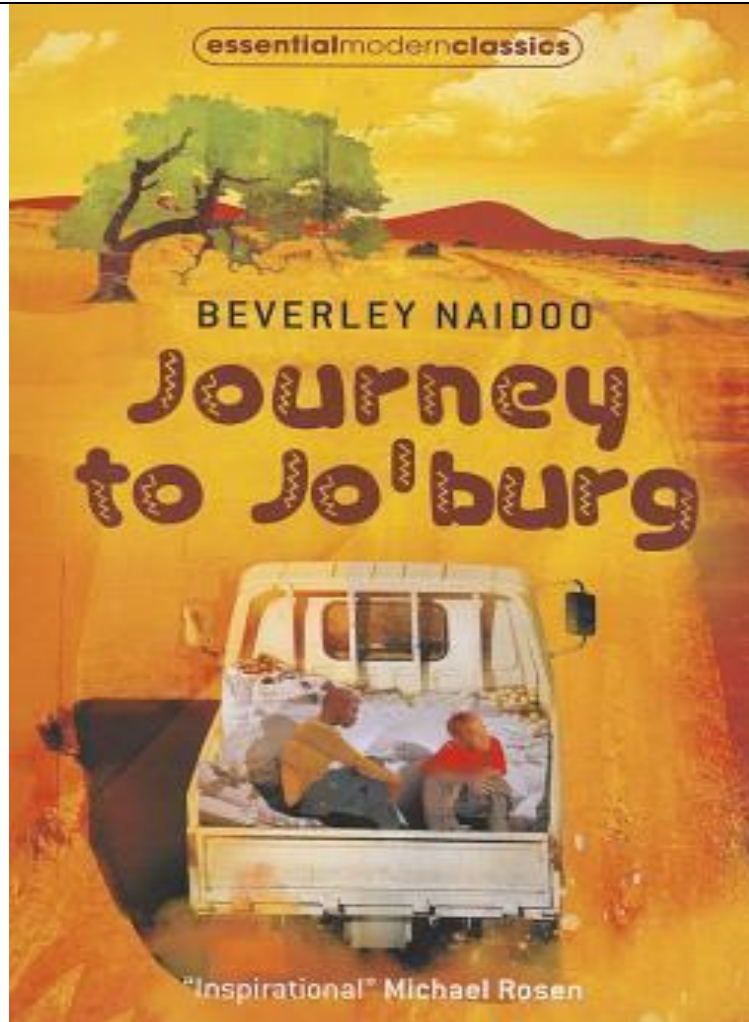
We will investigate the past and find evidence to support our reasoning.

##### Growth Mindset

We will be focussing on resilience and perseverance to support our learning.

# Journey to Jo'burg

by Beverley Naidoo



Mma lives and works in **Johannesburg**, far from the village thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro, call home. When their baby sister suddenly becomes very sick, Naledi and Tiro know, deep down, that only one person can save her. Bravely, alone, they set off on a **journey** to find Mma and bring her back.

## Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

The Long Walk to Freedom (children's version)  
Out of bounds by Beverley Naidoo