



English

This half term in English we will be using the brilliant book *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Gravitt to inspire new ways of writing.

To begin with we will be understanding the format of non-chronological reports to gather information to support our writing of fact files. Towards the end of half term we will be using Sunny the Meerkats postcards home as inspiration to write our own postcards as if we were Sunny Traveling the world.



Science

In Year 1 we will be carrying on our Animals including humans topic and answering the question: 'What is a Mammal?'. Throughout this topic Year 1 will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and describe and compare the structures within each grouping. They will also be discovering the diets of these animals and investigating similarities and differences within the animal kingdom.



Vocabulary

Fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, carnivore, omnivore, herbivore
Physical feature, Human feature
numbers 1-40, tens, ones, digit, compare, more than, less than, greatest, Smallest, find the difference, how many more, difference between, add, subtract, total, altogether

Year 1 Spring 2

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term! I am looking forward to getting this term started so here are a few things we will be learning about!

Topics

Humanities: In humanities this half term we will again be focusing on Geography and using our prior knowledge from last half term to compare the United Kingdom to somewhere around the world. We will be exploring the Kalahari Desert and all of its amazing creatures and culture.

Art: Our stimulus for art this half term is 'A Bird in winter', a really lovely story inspired by the painting 'Hunters in the snow' by Pieter Bruegel. The class loved recreating his iconic painting last half term and I am sure will be just as inspired by the book.



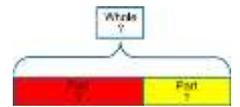
Music: In music we will be using different styles of music to build on our rhythm and pulse. We will also be using a variety of songs to support our singing in pitch.

RE: In Re this half term will be looking at Christianity, particularly the festival of Easter and the importance it holds in a religious year. They will be answering the key question: Is it true that Jesus came back to life again?

Maths

Year 1 will be exploring numbers to 40 in a variety of ways. They will focus on counting to 40 in different ways, writing numbers to 40 and comparing numbers and looking at number patterns.

We will also be looking at addition and subtraction word problems. This will provide a great foundation for using the bar model as a primary strategy for solving word problems. In addition, they will be putting into practice concepts previously taught in number comparison, specifically looking at how many more or how many fewer/less.



PE: Our PE focus this half term is gymnastics and creating different patterns and pathways to move across a space.

Jigsaw: Year 1's jigsaw focus this half term is 'Healthy me' and finding out how to keep our bodies fit and healthy as well as looking at different ways to stay safe.



How can you help your child at home?

- Listen to them read, they will be very excited to show you how fluently they can read their book!. Ask them questions about what has happened in the story.
- Check they understand new vocabulary.
- Encourage the children to use their phonics knowledge to decode words and support reading fluently

