

Welcome to the Summer Term!

There is lots going on in this short half term including the year 2 children taking their SATs papers in May! We still have lots of learning across the curriculum to enjoy, however, and below is an outline of our key learning. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please do come and see me.

Kind regards, Miss Knights

English

The half term is led by our key text, Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We will use this fun story to learn about writing recounts and revisit information texts by learning a little about meerkats and their habits. Later in the half term we will think about environmental issues using the text Forest by Marc Martin, and writing some persuasive letters from different viewpoints.

Meerkat Mail



Maths

We start the half term by revisiting place value, thinking in particular about using our knowledge to solve problems and investigate numbers. We then return to calculating, finding new methods to make us more efficient mathematicians when working with numbers and fractions. Finally, we will end with directional and positional maths, creating instructions for each other and following maps.

Topic

Meerkat Mail is based in the Kalahari Desert, one of the hottest places in the world. We will use our English text to explore this place and other hot parts of the world, as well as comparing them to the coldest places and the different features of each. We will be working with the world map to find out what dictates a country's climate and finding out where all of these places are in the world. In Art, we will be recreating the pictures of Henri Rousseau using collage techniques.

PDL

We will be continuing with P4C as a discrete lesson this half term, using our questioning skills to explore some of the concepts raised in our key text.

ICT

This is all about being storytellers and we will be creating images and recording audio effects to tell traditional tales.

PE

Mr Holmes continues to work with us on Wednesdays and I will be teaching country dancing in readiness for a festival next half term!

Music

We continue to use songs and percussion instruments to explore duration and to put together and evaluate our simple group performances.

Science

Over the term we will be learning more about plants and their needs and how different plants are suited to different environments. We will be using our observational skills to see how different conditions affect plant growth, and creating our own comparative tests.

Homework

Children will continue to bring home reading books each day which they can change during morning registration should they need to. They will also continue to have spellings and maths homework set on Wednesdays to be returned on Mondays.