

English

Reading

Fiction: Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Non Fiction: Who Eats Who? By Teresa Heapy

Writing – Genres

Fiction: Dilemma Stories, Play (Act It Out)

Poetry: Vocabulary

Non-Fiction: Report

Mathematics

Power Maths

- Time
- Weight, volume and temperature
- Shape

Science

Are Meerkats living creatures? Are they dead or alive?
How do we know this?

Meerkats have special features that help them to adapt to life in the Kalahari Desert. Could a Meerkat live in our back garden? How about by a pond or in rainforest...? Can we find the correct habitat for Sunny, where he will be happy?

On Sunny's journey he visited many different habitats, we will also be exploring the micro- habitats around the school premises to compare them.

How do desert animals conserve water in the very dry desert? We will find out the answer to this by conducting our very own science experiment using sponges and water.

Religious Education

- 1.4 What can we learn from sacred books?

Year 2- Summer Term 1/2

Meerkat Mail

SMSC/PSED/British Values

Big Question for Curious Minds

Working as a team

New beginnings- Transition

Computing

IPads at the ready... We are going to become Meerkat experts. Using the IPads we will be researching Meerkat habitats and other interesting facts for our topic. We will be taking photographs and screen shots for future reference of our work. We will be annotating and editing our photographs with mark up to.

Meerkats like to be in mobs and share however, we must keep our personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or on the 'MeerPads'.

History

Bon Voyage... A message in a bottle, let's get our sea legs ready...what's this, a message in a bottle?

Can you guess who I am?

We will be travelling back in time to the 1400's to find out all about Christopher Columbus and his voyage to find other continents. Will he get lost on the way?

Geography

The Kalahari Desert is where you will find Meerkats. We are going to be comparing the similarities and differences of this location with Stoke on Trent. Can you find all of the different human and physical features between these 2 contrasting areas?

Christopher didn't know where he was going when he set sail but can we plan our journey to the Kalahari Desert?

Music

Following traditional African tunes, we will be creatively creating our own songs, chants and rhymes. We will use our new facts and creativity to produce our masterpieces! We will then try to combine different styles of tunes to deliver our songs to you.

Art and Design

From our story Meerkat Mail we know that Meerkat's live in the Kalahari Desert. We will be creating our very own Silhouette scenes using paint, black card and sand to make it come alive! Meerkat's live in mobs- we will be recreating a Meerkat mob using different pencil techniques, using online resources as inspiration.

Design Technology

Socks- check, buttons- check, googly eyes- check. Can you guess what we are making?...

Coming to a show near to you, a Year 2 Meerkat sock puppet production!

Time for a bit of sculpting, let's mould the clay to make Meerkat figurines!

Physical Education

Meerkats are masters of agility & co-ordination! They are also amazing team players therefore we will follow their example to adopt great

sportsmanship. We will use basic movements including; running, jumping, throwing and catching as part of a team game!

Enrichment

- Visit from Meerkats
- Virtual zoo tour