



Meerkat Class

WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Meerkats class. Myself, Mrs Burley & Miss Pegrum will be sharing the roles of teaching and supporting in both classrooms and any questions or queries you have can be directed to any of us.

Please remember to send a named water bottle in **everyday** with your child. Please do not put this in their book bag as some are leaking over reading books and damaging them.

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TOPIC

Our topic this term is 'Explorers'. Within this topic we will be finding out about the Arctic and pirates. This topic covers both geography and history curriculum objectives as well as some science. Children will learn which animals live in the Arctic, different geographical features, the weather and the countries that make up the Arctic. They will find out the different parts of a ship and the roles onboard. They will learn about pirates in history and modern-day pirates. This topic will finish in a pirate WOW day where the children will become pirates. I will confirm the date nearer the time but children will have the opportunity to dress up if they wish.

ENGLISH

Our English lessons are based on units of work relating to books that we are reading. We will be sharing fiction, non fiction and poetry books this term. Some of our English lessons will be linked to our topic giving the children a purpose for their writing. As always, we will be concentrating on correct letter formation, punctuation and adjectives.

PHONICS

This is taught as a standalone lesson each day of the week. The children will use a fun game style of learning and then have opportunities to put this into practice. They are encouraged to use their phonic knowledge across the curriculum when writing, and not just in English lessons. For more information about phonics please attend the meeting on Tuesday 16th September at 3.20pm

READING BOOKS

Each child will be given a reading book to read with you at home and in school. Please use the reading diary to record how you feel your child is doing and to see any suggestions that the staff have added to help your child's reading move on. Reading books and diaries **MUST** be in school every day. Reading books are distributed according to fluency, comprehension skills and confidence.

MATHS

This term we will be looking at place value to 10, addition and subtraction using numbers to 10 and shape, specifically geometry.

This year the children will have a weekly mental maths test on a Friday. This will allow us to find the gaps in their learning and teach them accordingly. Children will be encouraged to work with numbers represented as digits and names ie 10 and ten.

SCIENCE

This term our topic is all about animals including humans. We will be looking at how we have changed since we were a baby, naming and labelling different parts of our bodies and exploring our senses.

This unit will teach the children about categorising animals into different groups including mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish.

COMPUTING

This term we will be learning about technology around us and how it helps us. The children will learn to control a mouse and keyboard and how to use the computer responsibly. In the second half of the term they will be using programmable toys. We will be learning how to input a set of instructions, create an algorithm, programming and debugging.

PE

We will be exploring movement through dance. The children will express themselves using image and sound. They will learn fundamental movement skills which all physical activities depend on. These include balancing, running, climbing and jumping. PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.

RE

Year 1 children will be learning about special places, groups and times. They will look at which groups they belong to and why they are special. They will learn about Jesus and why he is important to Christians through stories.

ART

Children will learn about primary and secondary colours. They will learn to mix secondary colours and create art work with those colours. They will find out about shades and how to create these. Children will talk about warm and cold colours and identify which colours are which.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This term the children will be creating using ingredients. They will research fruits and then design and make their own fruit salad. This will be linked to the pirate topic. The children will then evaluate their product and suggest improvements.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. It is extremely important that the children try their best to complete the work independently. The work will be related to the phonics or maths that they are currently learning in class. It needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

If you would like more detailed information about what we teach please refer to the school website.

You will find curriculum maps on the class page and a detailed progression of skills document under the 'curriculum' tab for each subject.

Mrs Alexander

