

English

In English this topic we will be focussing upon the book Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

We will be looking at character descriptions, setting descriptions and letter writing.

We will be developing our writing skills by:

- Leaving spaces between words
- Sounding out words when spelling
- Punctuating sentences using a capital letter and a full stop
- Using a capital letter for I and names
- Joining words and clauses with and because.

Reading, Phonics and Spelling

We will be revisiting phase 3 and 4 sounds learnt while introducing new vocabulary.

Please could you aim to read with your child 3 times a week and books should be brought back to school

Stay and Learn: Our first stay and learn will be on Tuesday 1st October. This will be an opportunity for parents to come and learn with their children from 2:30pm onwards.

We will be having a visit from a group of African drummers on the 7th October who will be teaching us lots of different techniques and songs. This will lead to a performance for parents at 11:30am.

Trips: We will also be visiting Flamingo Land zoo on Tuesday 22nd October. If you would like help on this trip please let myself or the office know before Monday 14th October.

Learning in Malala Class Autumn 1 2019 **Topic: Paws, Jaws and Claws**

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Our topic this term is Jaws, Paws and Claws.

This topic will focus on animals and the world. We will be looking at the continents and oceans of the world and also the weather in different countries.

If you have any pictures or exciting items from trips to interesting countries, feel free to send them in with your child to show.

We will also be looking at Amy Johnson and her journey flying solo from London to Australia. We will look at her history, where she visited, and the impact she had on the world.

Science

This topic we will be learning about animals.

Children will learn to:
Name different animals and discuss where they might live.
Describe the structure of different animals and identify if they are carnivores, omnivores or herbivores

We will then be learning about humans, labelling the human body and comparing humans to animals.

Art & Design

In Art and Design this term we will be looking at creating art from around the world. This will include shadow pictures, sand art and aboriginal rock painting.

Children will also have access to the workshop area in our classroom and will be able to make their own creations and develop different art and design skills over the term.

R.E

In R.E this term children will be learning about belonging to a faith community. They will investigate this through art, discussion, music and writing. Towards December, they will learn about Christmas and why it matters to Christians. This subject will be taught by Mrs Bruce on a Wednesday afternoon.

P.E.

P.E will be taught on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon this half term. We will be learning Dance on a Wednesday and Gymnastics on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit with indoor and outdoor shoes as the weather is currently quite unpredictable!

Maths

This half term we will be covering place value and addition and subtraction using numbers to 10. This will be covered using equipment and physical resources with an emphasis on understanding numbers in all forms.

Each day we will be having an additional session outside the maths lesson called a 'maths meeting' to practice our number bonds, number facts and counting. Please take any opportunity you can to count with your child and practice these facts.

We will be continuing to send out weekly maths practice for the tests each Monday. Please practice whatever is sent out with your child.

This really helps improve their maths skills.

Other class news

We will be holding various fundraisers over this half term in order to raise some money towards the flamingo land trip just before the half term holidays. If you have any fundraising ideas or could help us in any way, please let us know

Miss Denley, Mrs Murrie and the KS1 and EYFS team.