

Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We will be continuing to follow the book curriculum this year as it allows your child to learn in an exciting cross-curricular way. Our first book we will be exploring is called Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

We will be focusing on the theme of animals all around the world. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home as this is all part of working together.

Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the following teachers and other adults who might be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Other Adults
Miss Bail/ Miss Tourabaly (Lion class)	Ms Haque
Mrs Hart/Ms Tedjani (Leopard class)	Mrs Pathan
Miss Friel (Giraffe class)	Mrs Benjamin
Miss Hussain (Zebra class)	Mrs Farooq
	Miss Tourabaly

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress especially during this SATS year.
- PE lessons are on **Monday afternoons**. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled** so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.

Homework:

- We expect all Y2 children to be reading at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- **Homework books** will be sent out on a **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Homework will be project based and allow your child to develop their understanding of different subjects.

Dates for Your Diary

- We will be arranging a welcome to Year Two work shop in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for a letter confirming the date.
- Friday 14th September 2018 - Animal Encounter, children will have the opportunity to touch an array of different animals as part of their WOW day to introduce them to their new book Meerkat Mail.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child, please feel free to speak to myself or your child's class teacher at the end of the day, when we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bail
 Year 2 Team Leader

English

- Explore and write their own postcards based on a Meerkat adventure.
- Research and write a descriptive report of an animal
- Develop their understanding of sentence structure
- Further develop their phonics

How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions about the text.

Maths

- Identify and represent place value of 2 digit numbers
- Compare and order numbers from 0 -100
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers using a formal method
- Explore problem solving activities
- Develop their times table knowledge

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their numbers 0 -1 00

Science

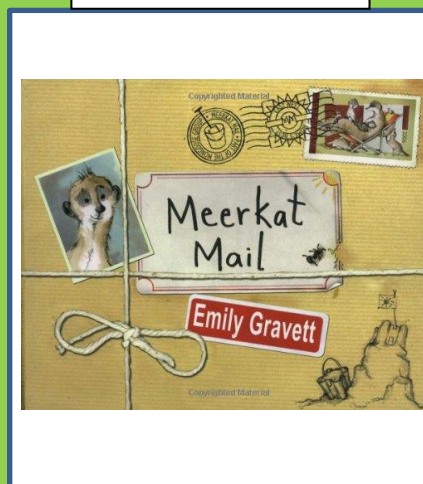
The children will be learning about Animals including humans. They will learn to:

- Sort living things into a variety of categories
- Identify what living things need to survive
- Research animals from around the world

How to help your child at home:

- Develop their understanding of different animals

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Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Computing

The children will have the opportunity to create a digital greetings card. They will be planning their chosen theme and attempting to create their e-cards using Purple Mash.

Geography

The children will be learning about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. They will be exploring different places around the world and identify similarities/differences.

Art & DT

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be creating Meerkat pictures. They will be focusing on the skills of sketching, painting and collaging.

RE

This term the children will learn about people who inspire them. They will then explore Christianity and Judaism to discover how Jesus and Moses inspired their people. This will be taught by looking at the Bible and the Torah.

PE

Your child will explore and develop a variety of skills in isolation and in combination through having the opportunity to participate in Gymnastics, Dance, Throwing/Catching and Spatial Awareness.

PSHE/Circle Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about British values.

Music

The children will be exploring a variety of songs. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the use of percussion instruments.