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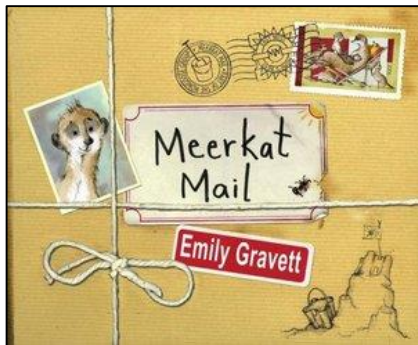
Year 1 Newsletter

Our main theme for this term will be...

Meerkats!



English



In English, we will read the story *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Gravett! We will write about Sunny's journey and share stories about our own journeys. To improve our writing, we will learn to join our sentences with words like and, but, so, because and when.



This term we will also be researching and reading about lots of other animals. With this information, we will write our own animal fact files!

Maths

In maths, we will be stretching our counting skills into numbers up to 20. By using lots of tools and equipment, we will learn how to cross over the tens when adding or subtracting. We will also learn about positional language (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) and record results of animal races!



In our mental maths lessons, we will continue to use Mathletics to practise the skills we need to complete our Animal Award targets! Please ask Mr Gaffney if you have lost your Mathletics login.



Geography will link to our English topic and centre around Sunny's travels around the world.

We will learn about the different *continents* and the location of the hot and cold parts of the world in relation to the *Equator*, *North Pole* and *South Pole*.



In **PSHE**, we will be focusing on *health*. We will learn about the body and our different senses.



We will also learn about the importance of eating healthily.

In **Art and Design**, we will look at animal art from around the world. We will also learn to print and create pieces of artwork using animal prints.



In **PE**, we will continue to develop our movement skills in *dance*. We will link all our learning about animals to create animal themed dances!



Our **Science** will be about the question *Why are humans not like meerkats?* We will learn a lot about the human body and then compare it to other animals, including meerkats! We will learn to identify and classify the animals into different categories.



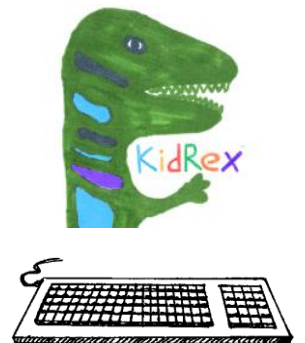
We start 2016 in **RE** by learning about new beginnings and also how the Chinese New Year is celebrated.



In **Music**, we will be learning about different styles of music from around the world. We will learn to sing the song *In the Groove* and listen to music by BB King!



In **Computing**, we working on our typing skills by creating fact files for animals. We will also learn to use KidRex to search safely for information about animals.



Home Learning

Daily - Reading, Spelling and Mental Maths
Weekly - Topic Home Learning

All home learning can be kept in the **red** Home Learning folders.