



English

This half term in English we will be using the brilliant book *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Gravitt to inspire new ways of writing.

To begin with we will be understanding the format of non-chronological reports to gather information to support our writing of fact files. Towards the end of half term we will be using Sunny the Meerkats postcards home as inspiration to write our own postcards as if we were Sunny Traveling the world.



Year 2 Spring 2

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term! I am looking forward to getting this term started so here are a few things we will be learning about!

Topics

Humanities: In humanities this half term we will again be focusing on Geography and using our prior knowledge from last half term to compare the United Kingdom to somewhere around the world. We will be exploring the Kalahari Desert and all of its amazing creatures and culture.

Art: Our stimulus for art this half term is 'A Bird in winter' a really lovely story inspired by the painting 'Hunters in the snow' by Pieter Bruegel. The class loved recreating his iconic painting last half term and I am sure will be just as inspired by the book.



Music: In music we will be using different styles of music to build on our rhythm and pulse. We will also be using a variety of songs to support our singing in pitch.

RE: In Re this half term will be looking at Christianity, particularly the festival of Easter and the importance it holds in a religious year. They will be answering the key question: Is it true that Jesus came back to life again?

Maths

This half term we will be carrying on our multiplication of 2, 5, and 10. Year 2 will also have the opportunity to understand what multiplication means and what it looks like. Patterns in multiplication and commutative law are also covered. We will then look at both the multiplication and division of 2, 5 and 10. Year 2 will look at different ways of sharing, including sharing and grouping before covering division by 2, 5 and 10. They will also investigate links between multiplication and division and odd and even numbers.

PE: Our PE focus this half term is gymnastics and creating different patterns and pathways to move across a space.

Jigsaw: Year 2's jigsaw focus this half term is 'Healthy me' and finding out how to keep our bodies fit and healthy as well as our minds.



How can you help your child at home?

How can you help your child at home:

- Listen to them read every day. Ask them questions about what has happened in the story.
- Check they understand new vocabulary.
- Encourage the children to practice their weekly spellings and number bond challenges

Science

In Science this half term year 2 will be looking at answering the big question 'What do we have in common with other mammals?'. Throughout this unit we will be focusing on what all animals need in order to survive, the different life cycles of different animals and their offspring. We will be comparing these to a human life cycle and finding out what similarities and differences we have with other mammals.



Vocabulary

Physical feature, Human feature
Offspring, grow, change, life cycle, water, food, air
groups of, equal to, times, equals, multiply, array, factor,
product equal, share, share equally, divide, divisor, dividend,
quotient

