

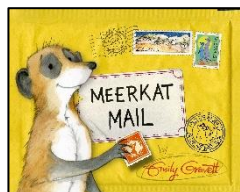
Our theme this Summer Half Term in Year 2 is 'Africa'.

Literacy

Our key texts are **Meerkat Mail Emily Gravett and the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty.**

We will be continuing to develop our vocabulary, putting ourselves into character roles to write postcards and developing our knowledge of instructional writing. We will be thinking about the type of language used for these text types and how they are organised.

We will use the narratives of the fairy tale 'Sleeping Beauty' to innovate and create our own fairy tale stories. We will be continuing to learn how to organise our stories and apply story language to signal events as well as using exciting vocabulary. The children will also be using non-fiction texts to find out about Meerkats and write non-chronological reports about them.



Reading Skills and Comprehension:

The children will continue to develop their reading skills through their whole class reading lessons, developing their fluency and comprehension. This includes simple retrieval, inference and prediction skills based on what we can see in a text and what we know.

Grammar and Punctuation:

We will continue to consolidate our sentence types and apply them to our compositional writing. We will be learning what contraction words are e.g. don't, can't and how to and when to use a possessive apostrophe.

Handwriting:

The children will continue to improve and develop their letter formation and joining their handwriting when they are ready. They will practise their handwriting skills 3 to 4 times a week.

Science:

We will be learning about the habitats and micro-habitats in Africa. We will learn what a food chain is.

Computing:

In Year 2 we will be learning about digital photography and how to take a photograph and what makes a good photo.

Geography:

We will be using atlases and non-fiction sources to learn about where Africa is in the world and what Kenya is like in comparison to where we live.

Art: We will be exploring colour through drawing and painting and studying the artist, Edward Tingatinga to create some African paintings.

Music:

We will be learning to identify changes in pitch/rhythm in a song. We will play the glockenspiel with increasing accuracy.

PE:

We will be practicing field work, learning how to sprint effectively, jump hurdles and how to throw with accuracy.

PSHE:

We will be thinking about why sleep is important, medicines and keeping healthy.

RE:

In RE we will be learning about important stories from sacred books: The Bible, The Torah and The Qur'an.

Africa

Spelling Patterns

Week 1: Adding the suffix **-ness** e.g. **kindness, sadness, goodness**

Week 2: Adding the suffix **-ness** (swapping the y for an i) e.g. **dizzy / dizziness, jolly / jolliness**

Week 3: Adding the suffix **-ful** (adding **-ful** to root words to make adjectives) e.g. **joyful, colourful, hopeful, thoughtful**

Week 4: Adding suffix **-less** (adding **-less** to root word to make an adjective) e.g. **painless, pointless, sleepless, helpless, useless, hopeless**

Week 5: Adding the suffix **-ment** (adding **-ment** to a verb to make a noun) e.g. **enjoyment, amazement, movement, attachment**

Maths

In Maths, the year 2 children will learn about and exploring the names and properties of 2d and 3d shapes. We learn the terms 'sides', 'vertices', 'faces' to describe the shapes appropriately. We will also be learning fractions and learning how to make equal parts: focusing on making halves, quarters and thirds. We also learn to name fractions of the same denominations.

How to help:

- Continue to practise the 2x, 5x, and 10x tables in and out of order and develop quick recall, supporting mental maths
- Use money to find totals, practising using patterns of 2's, 5's and 10's to support finding totals.
- Practise adding and subtracting a 2-digit to and from another 2-digit, can your child teach you the method they have learnt for regrouping?