

This medium term plan gives you an overview of your child's learning over the term. It is separated into the National Curriculum subjects and gives you information about what the children are learning so you have a better idea of what they are doing in a particular topic/subject. It also provides you with information so you can help at home if you wish to.

<p>Books/texts to be used: <i>Meerkat Mail</i> by Emily Gravett</p> <p>Key Questions for topic: Where does Sunny go on his journey? What are the main differences between the UK and rural Africa?</p>	<p>What would you like to learn about the Kalahari Desert? What is it like to live in the Kalahari Desert? What food do they eat in Africa? What animals live in the Kalahari Desert?</p> <p>Challenge: To find out about other animals that live in desert climates.</p>	<p>Useful things to practise at home: Please try and develop your child's interest in writing in any way you can. Possible ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing labels for things around the home • Shopping list • Leaving post-it messages for each other
<p>Topic Focus and Key Skills</p> <p>This term's learning is based around the power of reading text <i>Meerkat Mail</i> by Emily Gravett. We will be using this text as a stimulus for the children to write their own quest stories set in the Kalahari desert. We will use our own locality of Bristol to compare and contrast with living in an African village. In week 5 children will have the opportunity to visit the Meerkat enclosure at Bristol Zoo to see the Meerkats up close.</p>	<p>Numeracy Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 20) • Number: Place Value (within 50) (Multiples of 2, 5 and 10 to be included) <p><u>Useful things to practise at home:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting on and back in 1s from 0-50 • Counting aloud in 2s, 5s and 10s to 50 • Number bonds to 10 and 20(3 and 7, 12 and 8 etc) • Writing numbers in words and numerals to 20 	<p>Literacy Skills</p> <p>Our literacy work is centred on the power of reading book, <i>Meerkat Mail</i> by Emily Gravett This story is about a Meerkat called Sunny who is on a quest to find the perfect home and travels all around Africa only to discover "there's no place like home!" The children will be reading and responding to this text and will learn the story off by heart using talk for writing. They will be exploring character voice through role play, then write different stories based on Sunny's quest, innovating it with their own ideas. The children will use information gathered from their trip to Bristol Zoo to write a non-fiction text all about Meerkats. We will also be learning about persuasive writing before applying it to our own letters.</p>
<p>Science Linking with our topic on Africa with a focus on the Kalahari Desert. Children will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, birds, mammals amphibians and reptiles • Identify and name a variety of animals that are herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. • Compare the structure of a variety of common animals. • <p>Art/DT The children will use clay to make their own 3D models of Sunny the meerkat.</p>	<p>PSHE We follow the Jigsaw PSHE scheme and our topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. This topic focuses on finding out how to set a goal and to think of strategies to achieve it. Children will also consider how working with others can help to tackle challenges.</p> <p>P.E. This term the children will be taking part in both indoor and outdoor P.E lessons where they will participate in team games to develop balance, coordination and agility. Yoga will continue to be taught separately on Monday afternoons with Carolyn our Yoga instructor in weeks 2, 3 and 4.</p>	<p>History In week 5 we will be taking part in whole school History Week. Our focus in Year 1 is <i>The History of Our School</i>. Children will learn what the school day was like for a Victorian child and take part in a Victorian school day (more info to follow).</p> <p>Geography Children will name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will begin to understand geographical similarities and differences by comparing Bristol to areas of Africa surrounding the Kalahari.</p>

Year 1 Term 3

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year! We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you for all your good wishes, thoughtful cards and gifts at the end of last term - they really were appreciated. Last term was very busy and enjoyable. The children shone in their performance of A Midwife Crisis and we are incredibly proud of them.

Reading Please remember that we take books in to be changed on Mondays and Wednesdays each week. **Year 1 children need be reading every day at home for 5 or 10 minutes to ensure they are able to make progress.** When you are reading with your child it is brilliant to spend time discussing what has been read and asking them questions about what has happened/what they think might happen next. This develops their comprehension and skills as a reader.

Phonics and Spellings We are not going to send spellings home this term but we would like you to continue helping your child to spell the sight words and high frequency words to help them with their daily writing in school. These can be found on the class pages to support you at home.

P.E. Children are really good at having P.E. kits in school at all times, which is hugely helpful to us when the weather is so unpredictable. Thank you for your help with this. **Year one will now have P.E on Friday afternoons so please ensure that P.E kits are in school.**

Visit to the Zoo As part of our topic on Monday 3rd February we will be visiting Bristol Zoo. This will help children to gather information about meerkats and other animals from Africa. Please keep a look out for a letter and classroom notices as we will need some adults to accompany us.

Show and Tell This term Show and Tell will take place on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings something which is relevant to our topics (Africa, animals, Victorians). Please see below for your child's day.

Elder Trees Thursday 16 th January	Sycamore Trees Thursday 23 rd January	Beech Trees Thursday 30 th January	Hazel Trees Thursday 6 th February	Oak Trees Thursday 13 th February
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Thank you for your continued support

Miss Burley and Miss Noble