

'Meerkat Mail'

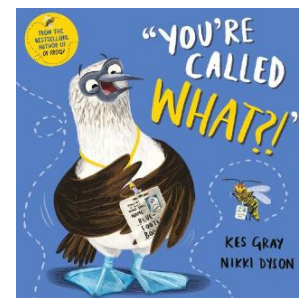
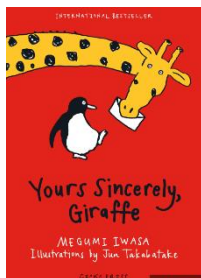
Squirrel Class Newsletter Term 4 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4, our new topic is 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be exploring all things to do with animals and learning about the different animal groups. In our Geography studies, we will be looking further into the continents as well as the oceans around the world. Please see our learning map to find out which other exciting learning will be taking place throughout the term.

On the Wednesday 1st March, we have our Forest School session so please ensure children have their forest school clothes with them on this day.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:



Questions to ask at home:

- Can you remember the continent song?
- What ocean surrounds the UK?
- What is a mammal?
- Which animals can you name that are fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals?
- Can you discuss differences between animals and humans?
- What is a spreadsheet used for? Can you make one on your computer at home?
- Can you recall the Easter story?

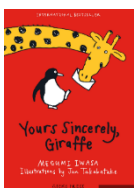

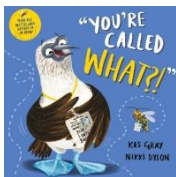

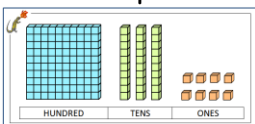











Home Learning Tasks

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Make a map of the world using different resources - paint, playdoh and collage.
- Compare the seasons and the changes that they see happening.
- Make some Easter craft.
- Make an animal from recyclable materials.
- Measure things around your home. Can you make a spreadsheet to record these things?



Learning Map Term 4

Literacy Information Narrative Recount			
Maths	Multiplication 	Number and place value 	Measurement 
Science	Animals 		
Geography	Continents 	Oceans 	
ICT	Spreadsheets 		
RE	Christianity 	Easter 	
Art and DT	Collage 		
PSHE		Healthy Me	
Music	World Music 		
PE	Dance 		

Home Learning

Reading	Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your reading records. We collect the reading records in on a Thursday to see which class has achieved the most reads!
Phonics Year 1	Children in year 1 will be sent home with a phonics homework sheet on a Monday which will share the sounds, sentences, and spellings we will have covered during the previous week. The children can share their learning with you. There isn't a formal spelling test in Year 1, however there are 5 words at the bottom of the sheet that they have learnt in school that week and it would be great to practise these at home too! Their phonics and spellings all fit in with Little Wandle scheme we follow at school.
Phonics/ Spelling Year 2	Children in Year 2 will be sent home with spellings based on the spelling curriculum rules they will have been taught during the week on a Monday , they will be tested on these on the following Monday .
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and needs to be returned on the following Monday . The children can bring it back in whenever they have finished it during that week and put it in the 'finished homework' box. Times Table Rock Stars is also a useful resource for practising multiplication and division.

Useful Websites to support learning

Purple Mash (please ask if you need a reminder of your child's login details)

<https://youtu.be/K6DSMZ8b3LE> Continent song

<https://youtu.be/Wnbo2AmS3OI> Easter story

'Free school' on YouTube for interesting videos on animals targeted for children.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please can you make sure your child's jumper has their name inside.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE is on **Monday** but PE kits should be in every day as we sometimes have other active sessions throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lulham and Mrs Cousens