

Welcome back after the festive break! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Thank you from all of us for the wonderful gifts and cards that you gave us at the end of term.

We are looking forward to our exciting new learning this term.

Our topic this term is linked to a book called 'Meerkat Mail', which is story of a Meerkat who travels around Africa sending postcards to his family. We will also be reading 'Poles Apart' which is about a family of penguins who discover places in the world with a friendly polar bear!

Welcome to Miss Cheatle!

Miss Cheatle is a student teacher on the 'Schools Direct' programme; she will be joining us in Year 1 this term.

Contacting us

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch us after school or contact us by e-mail :

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Encouraging Independence

We have been so impressed with how many children are coming into school independently in the mornings and organising themselves for the start of the day. It really helps the children with their growing independence if you can say goodbye to them before they enter the door from the courtyard, so that they can walk down to the classroom on their own. We appreciate your support with this.

Dates	Friday 12th January—Mufti and crazy hair day	Friday 12th January
	INSET Day	9th February - 12th - 16th
	February - Half Term	Monday 19th

Geography

Linked to our topic books' the children will investigate where a Meerkat lives and the habitat they are linked to. We will embark on a fieldwork study of the hot and cold places in and around our school, as well as using Digimap and Google Earth to develop our understanding of hot and cold places on the Earth. We will investigate the link between the Equator and Tropics and



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Art



We will be learning about the artist, Piet Mondrian and developing our understanding of mixing colours to create a picture in the style of Mondrian, using shades of colour to show the hot and cold places in our World.

PSHE

We will be discussing different feelings, as well as talking about how to care for ourselves. We will discuss our regular self-care routines, including brushing teeth and hand washing.

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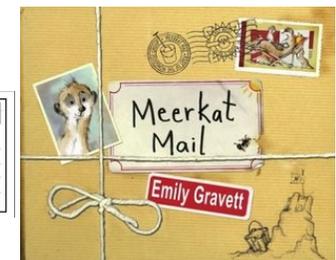
Maths

The children will be learning to add and subtract numbers within 20. They will use practical resources and pictorial representations before moving onto using a number line to count on or back. The children will learn how to add and subtract numbers which involve crossing 10.

They will also compare addition and subtraction number sentences and begin to explore the inverse e.g. If $12 - 5 = 7$, then $5 + 7 = 12$.

English

The children will be writing letters and postcards, using the story 'Meerkat Mail' as a stimulus. We will then be writing fact file reports about animals from cold and hot climates.



Phonics

We will revise the set 2 and 3 sounds, using them to read 'green words' e.g. **spoil**; we will also decode 'alien words' e.g. **noif**.