

## English

In English this half term we will be looking at the fantastic picture books of Emily Gravett, Meerkat Mail ( to link with our African theme), and Wolves. We will be writing informal letters to the characters and a formal letter to the author

## GPS

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) is taught within the context of Read Write Inc and in English lessons, as well as in daily spellings lessons.

## Maths

### Place Value

Partitioning numbers into tens and ones; ordering numbers and placing on number line; using a variety of different resources to represent 2 digit numbers; reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and words; counting on and back in steps of 2 and 10.

### Addition and subtraction

Finding the inverse operation; pairs of numbers to 10 and 20; solving problems with addition and subtraction: using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers; applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods; recalling and using addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently; adding and subtracting numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and ones, and a two-digit number and tens.

## Science

### Living Things and their Habitats

- Exploring the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.
- Focusing on how plants and animals are suited to the habitats where they are found.
- Looking at animals and plants that live on the African savanna and considering how they are adapted to survive.
- Comparing different habitats and the animals and plants that are found there.
- Looking for minibeasts on the school field.

## Art/DT

In DT we will be focusing on where our food comes from and comparing the types of fruit and vegetables that grow in Africa with those that we grow in our gardens. We will be developing our knife skills and planning and creating our own fruit salad.

In Art we will be modelling African animals in clay and creating camouflage plates.



## ICT

- Using the Purple Mash '2paint program'.
- Investigating different functions and tools.
- Copying, pasting and formatting pictures.

## Geography

We will label African countries and find the continent of Africa on a globe or world map.

We will investigate some physical and human geographical features of African countries.

We shall compare life in an African village to our own lives here in the UK, looking for similarities and differences.

The children will explore African artefacts and photos.

## PSHE & SEAL

Wateraid – considering the difficulties of obtaining clean water in some African villages.

New Beginnings

## PE

We will be developing and practising our skills with Mr Goldsmith, the sports coach.

## Music

Listen to a new piece of music

- Explore spikey and smooth in the context of music
- Learn a new song and sing it in different styles
- Play simple patterns on the drum, and repeat simple patterns back
- Write new lyrics to a familiar tune about all the things you might find on your way to Mars!

## RE

Considering the Christian Creation story and Harvest

