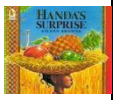
Bumblebee Class Topic Web
Spring 1 2024

English

Narrative

Meerkat Mail – We will write our **own predictions** about the story using only the **blurb** and **front cover** to help us. We will then read the book and learn all about Sunny the Meerkat. We will ask Sunny **questions** using 'hot-seating' and take him on our own adventures around school. We will **write sentences** about our adventures using **expanded noun phrases** and **conjunctions**. We will also learn about **postcard layouts** and create our own postcard for Mrs Lennon.

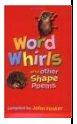
Handa's Surprise - We will **retell the story** using **story maps**, as well as **exploring** and **describing** the different fruits in the story. We will identify the **nouns** and **adjectives,** as well as the **statements** and **questions**. We will then write our own version of the story using local fruits and animals, making sure we include **expanded noun phrases** (nouns and adjectives) as well as **verbs** and **adverbs**.



Poetry

Word Whirls and other Shape Poems

We will use this book to learn about how **poetry** can be used to create **shape poems**. We will look at the **language patterns** and **recurring language**, as well as the different **layouts** and **effects** created. We will then create our **own shape poetry**, based on an African animal of our choice.

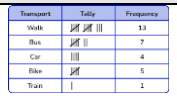


We will also be reading other stories linked to our topic during the half term.

Maths

Statistics

We will be **creating** and **interpreting tally** charts, **bar** charts and **pictograms.**



Year 1 Addition and Subtraction

We will be working on **counting, partitioning, representing** numbers, **exploring** number bonds through **adding** and **subtracting** and solving one step **problems**.

Year 1 Measurement

We will work on **telling the time** to the **o'clock** and **half past** and **comparing** and **describing mass**.

Year 1 Shape, Fractions, Multiplication and Division

We will **recognise** and **name 2D shapes**, recognise **half** and a **quarter** of a 2D shape, solve **fraction shape problems**, **count** in **2s** and **10s** and **solve multiplication and division problems**.

Year 2 Addition and Subtraction

We will be **adding** and **subtracting a 2-digit number** and a **1-digit number** without and then with **bridging**. We will **add 3 1-digit numbers** and will show that we know you can add in any order.

Year 2 Measurement

We will work on **recalling the minutes in an hour** and **hours in a day**, showing **quarter past** and **quarter to** on a clock face and **solving problems** involving time. We will also work on **comparing, ordering, estimating** and **measuring mass**.

Year 2 Shape, Fractions, Multiplication and Division

We will **identify** and **describe 2D and 3D shapes**, **recognise** the **fraction of a shape**. We will use **pictorial representations** to represent multiplications and divisions, **use and create arrays** and **solve multiplication and division problems**.

Science Year 1

Everyday Materials

This term we are learning all about different materials, beginning with the concept that one object can be made of many different materials. We'll be making sure that we can identify common materials such as: **wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay.**

We'll also be learning about the associated properties to describe these materials: **hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see-through, natural, man-made.**

Science Year 2

Materials and their properties

In Science, will be exploring different **materials**, including **wood, plastic, fabric, stone, brick, glass, paper, card, metal** etc…

We will explore which materials are suitable for different **purposes** and why, as well as investigating how they can be **changed**.

Music

West African Call and Response Song

During this half term, we will be listening to how the timbre changes in different pieces of music and then trying to match different instruments with animal noises based on their timbre. **Key words**: timbre

Computing

Moving a Robot

In Computing we will learn about using simple commands to move the Bee-bots in planned ways, building up to creating a route.

DT

Textiles: Pouches

In DT we will cut out a pattern and sew fabric using a running stitch to create a pouch.

Geography

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

In Geography we will learn about the North and South Poles and the Equator. We will compare the UK and Kenya and answer the enquiry question.

PSHE / Jigsaw

Dreams and Goals

This half term we will be celebrating our own successes and trying to challenge ourselves with new goals. We will work with partners and discuss how to do so successfully, and what we can do if we encounter challenges.

PE

We shall be doing dance in PE this half term and looking at some OAA challenges.

RE

Authority

How does God show his **authority**? We will investigate this by considering some **Bible stories**.

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