

Dear Parents,

The following is an overview of our learning this half term.

Our topic is Animals around the World. In Science we will be focusing on classifying animals, and the differences between mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. We will be looking at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will then move on in geography to looking at continents and oceans and where different animals are from. We will also be touching on habitats and what each animal needs in their habitat.

In English for the next few weeks we will be basing our work on the book 'Meerkat Mail' which is a voyage and return picture book, children will be writing their own voyage and return story. Towards Christmas we will be starting to practice our Christmas performance, which will be virtual this year, and writing instructions for the DT project we are doing, which will be making a card using a lever mechanism.

Maths will focus on addition and subtraction for both year groups for the next few weeks – up to 10 for y1s and up to 100 for y2s. The Y2s will then move on to money, and just fit in a bit of multiplication before Christmas. Y1s will then move on to place value to 20.

In phonics the Y1s will continue to learn the phase 5 sounds, aiming to be secure with all the phase 5 sounds before Christmas.