What to expect in Meerkat Class

Term 1- Extreme Earth Term 2 - Stone Age to Bronze Age

Term 3 – Ancient Egypt Term 4 - Plants

Term 5 – Rainforests Term 6 – Coast to coast - UK

Home learning and Reading

Spellings: The children will learn and practise their spellings in school, they will not have a weekly test but daily opportunities to practise and revisit. You will receive a spelling menu of the term’s spellings so they can be practised at home.

Reading: We expect the children to be reading to an adult (or an adult discussing their book with them if they are confident, independent readers) at least 4 times a week and for this to be recorded in their reading log. As well as this, where possible, we encourage the children to listen to stories that are beyond their reading capability. This can be shared reading with an adult or audio books. This experience has a huge impact on the children’s comprehension and language use. It also fosters a love of reading as it is a pleasurable experience. Please record all reading activities in the reading log.

Times tables – By the end of year four, children are expected to know their tables up to 12x12. This comes more easily for some than others but any practise at home would be greatly appreciated. They will have personalised weekly tables challenges and Times Tables Rock Stars logins. They ***will all start from x2*** as they must be fluent, fast and confident before moving on.

Pick and mix home learning: Each term the children will be given a pick and mix of activities. They will be expected to complete at least one to present at the end of term.

Daily routine

Children can be dropped off outside the linkway door at **8:20.** If you need to speak to me, you may send a Dojo message or, for more urgent matters, phone the school office.

The children will be ***dismissed from the classroom*** at 3:30 and can be collected from either end of the linkway or an agreed meeting place. Please arrange with them where they are to meet you. They ***must*** come back to the classroom should you not be there to meet them.

P.E kits should be in school ***every day***. This should include:

* Plain round neck t-shirt in their house colour
* Black or Maroon shorts
* Black or Maroon Jogging bottoms and sweatshirt
* ***Trainers*** for outdoor P.E (no plimsolls/daps needed)
* *Hat and gloves for colder weather/Sunhat in the summer*

*This should all be labelled and in a named P.E bag.*

Snacks, drinks and lunches.

Children are encouraged to have a water bottle and to be responsible for this themselves. It must be a ***small*** bottle if they wish to have it on their table.

At break time, the children may have a snack fruit or vegetables or a plain biscuit/cereal bar which you will now need to provide as they are no longer entitled to the free NHS veg scheme.

We are a nut free school. The children must not have nuts or nut products including Nutella in school for lunch or snacks.

Meerkats Adults

Mrs M Cowley/Miss R Bunclark will be the class teacher.

Mrs T Dolisznyj will be the class TA

Please look out for a notification to join Meerkat class on Dojo. You can also follow us on Twitter @classmeerkats

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with your children. We will be easing them in to KS2 over term one and slowly building the expectations.

Mrs M Cowley

