

# Year 2 Newsletter

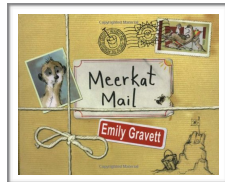
## Autumn Term

### Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday enjoying the few days of sunshine and are looking forward to an exciting new year in year 2! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself - Miss Giles as your child's new teacher as well as Mrs Scaplehorn, our class teaching assistant. Take a look at the exciting topics that we will be undertaking this half term.

### English

Our learning in English will be based around the picture book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. Using the talk for writing approach, children will internalise the story through speaking and listening activities before re-inventing it and writing a journey story of their own. We will use the text to explore new grammar including proper nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs as well as using commas in a list.



### Science

As part of our 'Meerkat Mail' topic we will learn about animals and living things, identifying different types of animals, what they eat and how they get food. We will also discover more about animal's habitats, learning how animals have adapted in different ways to live in certain environments and recognising what animals need to survive in the wild.



### Maths

This half term we will focus on place value, learning how numbers can be represented in different ways as well as ordering and comparing numbers. Later we will use a variety of objects, pictures, mental strategies, reasoning and problem solving skills to build on our understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also recap learning from year 1 to build our confidence and fluency, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### Geography

In Geography we will develop our knowledge of places by learning the names of the world continents and oceans. We will also identify features of hot and cold environments including Antarctica and the Kalahari Desert, researching how animals are adapted to live in such places. We will also describe and compare the ways these places are similar and different to each other.



Please take the time to read the parent information booklet to find out more details about year 2 and the expectations regarding reading, spellings and homework. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

### Art: Drawings

Music:  
Hands, Feet,  
Heart



PE:  
Gymnastics and  
Multi-Skill



RE:  
Christianity  
Is it possible to  
be kind to  
everyone all of  
the time?

### Computing:



### Coding



PSHE: Being  
Me in My World

