

Year 2

Autumn Term 2

Writing:

Children will be using their knowledge of their local area to persuade Sunny the Meerkat's family to visit Portsmouth.

Reading:

Our focus text this half term is:



Our topic is: **Meerkat Adventures**



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

PSHE:

'Celebrating Difference'

Children will learn that we are all different, we look different and we have different families, this makes us unique. They will also learn about bullying and how it would make someone feel.

PE:

Children be using their social skills to work sensibly with others, taking turns and sharing. They will also learn how to jump and land effectively.

Maths:

Children will be exploring number through place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division. They will also explore money.

Hook

A special suitcase has arrived at New Horizons with lots of items inside. I wonder who it belongs to?

Express

The children will design their own survival kit for Sunny's next adventure.

Computing:

Children will explore the different types of technology all around us and understand their uses.

Science:

Children will be identifying how different habitats and microhabitats provide the basic needs of different kinds of animals, plants and living things.

RE:

Children will engage in the concept of 'Journeys' through the story of Babushka.

DT: Cooking and Nutrition

Learning about the importance of a balanced diet and using that knowledge to create a tasty wrap.

Geography:

We will be introducing children to the basic concept of climate zones and continents and finding these on a map. Comparing the weather and features of our local area and another place.

Music:

Children will learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo.

Home learning opportunities!

Our PE days are **Mondays (Dolphins swimming)** and **Wednesdays**.

Please ensure children wear suitable PE clothing in the colder weather so they can take part in outdoor PE. Please also ensure that your children have earrings and other jewellery removed on PE days for their safety.

Creative Zone:

Our new topic for this half term is 'Meerkat Adventures' and the children have received a postcard from Sunny the Meerkat, who lives in Africa. He has visited different continents and shared what he has found.

Help your child to understand more about the world we live in by looking at maps and identifying where they live and where Sunny is from. Can they write a fact file or design a poster about where they live or somewhere they have visited in the world?

Can they find out about where different animals live and why? Could they make a habitat out of junk modelling for an animal of their choice?

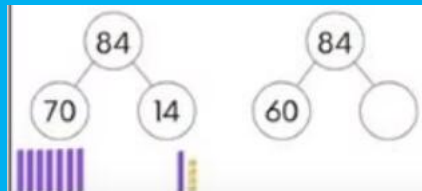
Can they use their knowledge of postcards to write a postcard to Sunny about where they live?

Maths:

Can you practise your 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables?

Can you partition a 2-digit number in different ways?

Can you tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes on an analogue clock?



Reading:

All children should be reading their phonics matched book or library book at home. They will have the same book for a week to build their fluency to become accurate and skilled readers.

Please ensure you are encouraging your child to read regularly, filling in their passport and that **all books are returned on Thursdays** so we can swap them for new ones.

Dates:

Monday 2nd November - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November – Parents evening

Monday 16th November -School photo day

Wednesday 18th November – Flu vaccinations

Monday 7th December – Dolphins last swim

Thursday 10th December - Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner day

Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Fayre
2:45-4:00

Friday 18th December -
Christmas Carols Years 2 – 6 - 1pm
Children finish at 1:30pm