

Writing:

We will be using the book 'Meerkat Mail' to write a persuasive letter from Syd to Grandad, will they persuade him to come home?

Reading:

We will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction books to compare the features.

Maths:

Children will identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They will also learn to recognise, find, name and write simple fractions such as $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

Geography:

Children will explore the different continents and oceans of the world. They will compare their city, Portsmouth, to another contrasting destination through observing the physical and human features of each.

Science:

Children will notice that animals and humans have offspring that grow into adults. They'll find out about the basic needs of adults including humans for survival. Also the importance of exercise, healthy foods and hygiene.

Our topic is: African Adventures



How can we compare the human and physical features between Portsmouth and Botswana?

Hook

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

Express

Children will experience life in a different continent and share their findings through a celebration with their parents on **Tuesday 24th March at 14:40.**

Music:

Children will begin this unit by listening and appraising a variety of classic Reggae songs. They will then learn the skills of singing and playing together in an ensemble for the song, 'Zootime'.

Computing:

Children will explore using instructions in sequences. They will investigate and understand how instructions must be followed precisely to be successful.

DT:

Children will learn and apply the principle of a healthy diet through preparing and tasting a healthy dish.

PE:

The children will be working on their creativity, balancing with a partner and sending and receiving different types of balls.

RE:

Children will discuss times when they have felt happy and sad and explore that we can all interpret happiness and sadness in different ways.

PSHE: Healthy Me

Children will identify people and places they need to keep safe from as well as learning how to call emergency services. They will also be learning strategies to express how being anxious/scared and unwell can feel.

Home learning opportunities!

PE: Our PE days are **Mondays (*Whales swimming*)**
Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure children wear suitable PE clothing as the colder weather approaches so they can take part in outdoor PE.

Creative Zone:

Our new topic for this half term is 'African Adventures' and we 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:

Please ensure your child is logging into Numbots and completing the fun tasks. This will support their knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction.

We will be celebrating their success with certificates.



Reading:

We promote the importance of reading and would actively encourage children to read at home. Children will be provided with reading passports to record their reading. Try asking your child questions about what they have read so far to check their understanding.

Children will change their library / reading books on Wednesday. Phonics books will be changed Friday.

ALL READING PASSPORTS TO BE COLLECTED ON THURSDAYS

Dates:

Monday 23rd February
Inset Day

Wednesday 3rd March
African dancing

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day – Dress up

Thursday 5th March
Story telling evening @4pm

Tuesday 24th March
Express topic celebration. Parents invited in at 14:40

Friday 27th March
Trip to Weald and Downland Museum