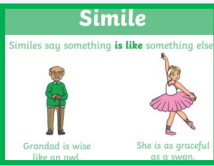
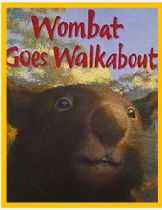


## English

We will begin this term by taking a trip down under reading Wombat Goes Walkabout by Michael Morpurgo. This unit of learning will really reinforce using question marks and exclamation marks in our writing as well as building our narrative writing skills such as repetitive phrases and the use of adjectives.



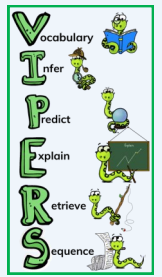
It is then off to Africa where we will be writing a travel journal about going on safari. This will provide us with the opportunity to use alliteration and be introduced to similes. Throughout our writing we will continue to master the fundamentals of using capital letters when appropriate, full stops and transcribing our letters correctly.



## Guided reading

In guided reading we are going to be reading and using our **VIPERS** skills with the text, **Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett**.

Sunny, the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close...so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides he's had enough and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. We will be making **predictions, inferring and retrieving** information from a text to answer comprehension questions.



## What can you do at home?

Read with your child everyday. It doesn't have to be the whole book, two pages count as a read. The reading you complete at home is invaluable to their learning. Ask them to predict what is going to happen or recall what has already happened. Please remember to sign the reading records.



Please continue to support your child's maths skills by ensuring they complete their tasks on MyMaths every week.

Encourage your child to practice the statutory spellings for their year group on Spelling Shed.

Monitor their key skills document as they are reviewed and updated in school which are also in their reading diaries. If you feel they need an element highlighted as achieved, please make a note of this in your child's reading record.



Log in details for websites can be found in reading diaries, however please contact us if you are unable to locate them.

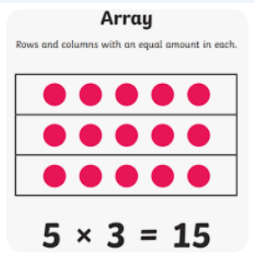
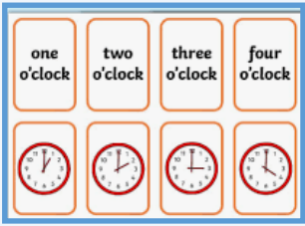
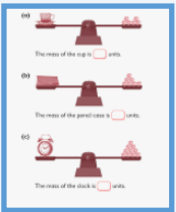
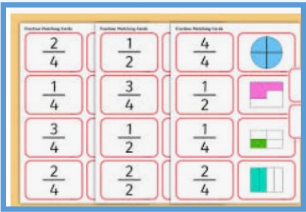
## Maths

This half term we will be learning about new areas of mathematics: **multiplication and division** and **fractions**.

This will involve lots of practical maths to understand **arrays** in multiplication and the concepts of **half and quarters** in fractions by sharing shapes and quantities equally.

We will also continue to develop our understanding of measure, looking at **mass and volume** and **time**.

Fridays will continue to be **Problem Solving Fridays!** Where we have the opportunity to use our skills to problem solve.



## Our wider curriculum

**Science-** Our science topic this half term is **plants**. We will learn to **identify** common plants and trees, learning the difference between **deciduous** and **evergreen**. We will also learn about the **structure of plants**, including their leaves, stems, roots and flowers.

**Key vocabulary:** leaves stem roots flower evergreen deciduous

**Art** – Our focus in art will be on colour mixing, we will then use these skills to create large scale flower paintings in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. We will be having our Art Day on Friday 28th March.



**RE-** This half term we are focusing on the **Easter Story** and the **parables** that Jesus told.

**Key vocabulary:** Easter Christian resurrection

**PSHE**– This half term will be split into two parts, we will begin by looking at 'Changing and Growing'. The focus for this part is how to keep healthy, looking back at ourselves as babies and what we can do now and also learning how to look after a baby. There will be a session where children are taught the correct anatomical terms, penis and vulva. A letter with further details will be sent closer to the time. The second part of this half terms PSHE will have a focus on 'Rights and Respect', concentrating on money. We will discuss what money is, why we need it, what the world would be like if we didn't have money and also how to keep money safe.



This half term our virtue is: **Kindness**

**PE**– We will be learning the basic principles of team games, understanding how to attack and defend in different games.

**Computing-** We will begin the foundations of data management by learning about how we group and classify objects and describe their properties. We will use the computer to group objects by dragging and dropping.



**Music**– This half term we will be learning about pitch and tempo, with a superhero theme! We will learn the concept of high and low pitch and fast and slow tempo. We will demonstrate this knowledge through creating superhero compositions.



**Geography**—This unit will run for the whole of spring term and our focus will be **'Around the World'**. Through this topic we will learn about the different continents, the oceans of the world, the equator and hot and cold countries, as well as looking at different countries to compare and contrast.

## How you can be involved

- If you would like to join us on **Friday 28th March** for our art day we would love an extra pair of hands.
- We will also be having a sharing afternoon on **Monday 31st March** so you can come and see some of our learning from this half term.
- To link with our science (types of plants) and geography (Our world) we will be having a trip to visit local gardens (more details to follow, but we would like some volunteers to help us!)



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