



Meerkat Mail



Y1/2 Summer Term 1 2023-2024

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Our Stunning Start



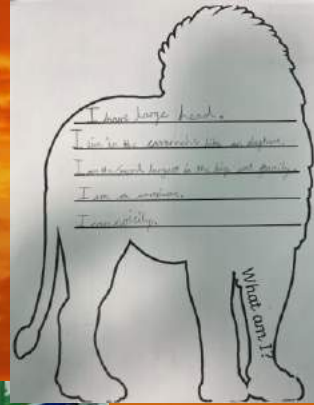
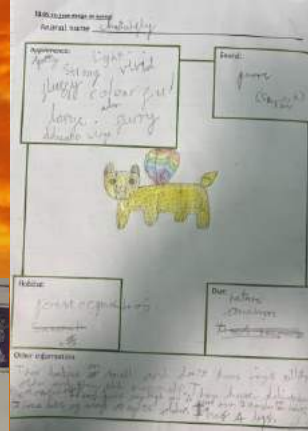
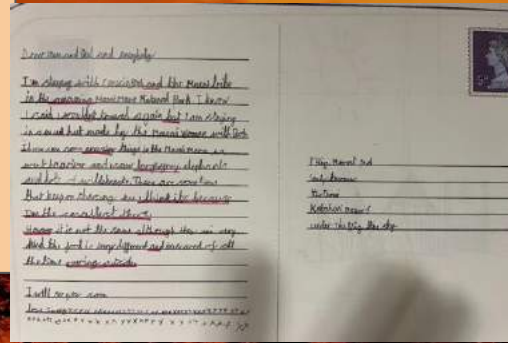
We enjoyed painting silhouette safari pictures using water colours to decorate our classrooms and cloakroom!

To introduce our new topic Meerkat Mail, we went to the hall to guess the partially hidden safari animals.

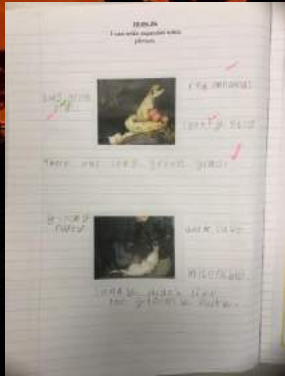


In our English lessons we started by reading 'Meerkat Mail'.

We wrote our own postcard from Sunny. He visited the Maasai Mara! We used our senses to decide what things Sunny would see, touch, taste, smell and hear to help plan our postcard.



We then wrote riddles about the 'big five' and we loved reading them to year 3 and 4. To finish, we have had fun creating our own African animal and writing an information text about them to create a class book.



In Y1 maths, we have been learning all about measure.

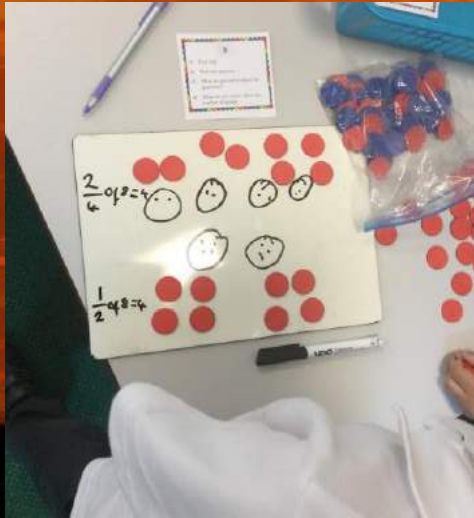


We used balancing scales to weigh a variety of objects.



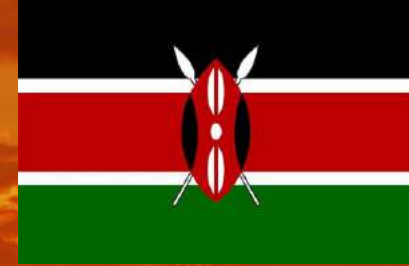
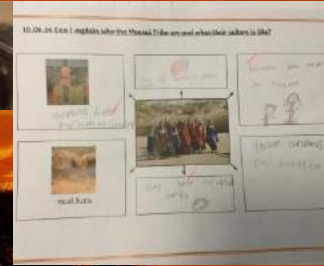
We measured and compared the length of objects using rulers and found the capacity of different objects too!





In Y2 maths, we have been learning about fractions and time. We found halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers. We also learnt how to find $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number. In time we started with o'clock and half past and finished by being able to tell the time to 5 minute intervals.

In our geography lessons, we used our knowledge of continents to travel to Africa. In Africa, we learnt about the country Kenya. We discovered it is very close to the equator which makes the weather warmer all year round.



We learnt about human and physical features in Kenya. We also learnt about the Maasai Mara and the Maasai tribe which live there.



In science we have been learning about the seasons.

We went on a walk to look for the different signs of spring



We have been looking at changes in plants and animals the weather, temperature and daylight.



In art, we have been learning to make African masks.



We have linked them to the artist Picasso. The children have been practising their modelling skills using play dough and plasticine. The masks have turned out detailed and colourful.

We have loved learning to sew in DT this half term.



We evaluated existing puppet products and talked about different kinds of puppets. Then we designed our very own meerkat hand puppet. We had to use great concentration to sew them. We evaluated our puppet at the end.

In PE, we have been learning running catching and jumping skills as part of our Athletics topic!



We have learnt:
How to sprint.

How to throw , javelins, nerf throwers and beanbags for distance.

How to jump for distance and for height.



In Spanish, we have been learning The Gingerbread Man - **El Hombre de Jengibre**

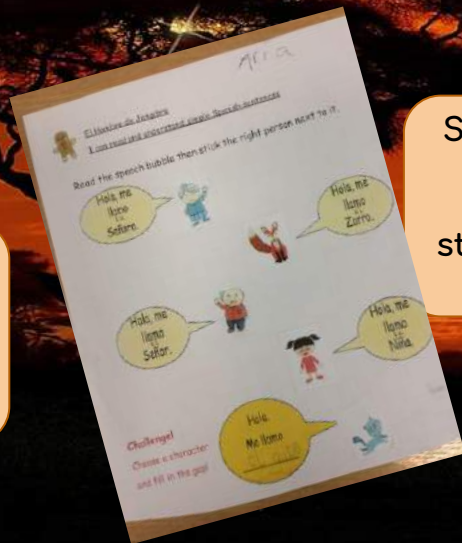
We are now able to count to 20!

We have learnt the names of all the characters and we have actions too!



We can chant
"Run, run as fast as
you can!" in Spanish...
"¡Corre, corre, tan
rápido como puedes!"

Señora T is super proud of our Spanish reading - we could complete these cutting & sticking and matching activities with very little help!





In music, we had a fantastic time taking part in an African drumming workshop. The children were mesmerised by the man's drumming and enjoyed asking him lots of questions about Africa.





Thank you for reading about our learning 'in Y1/2



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