

Sparrow Class News and Homework

To be handed in on Wednesday 21st January

Maths: This week we've been learning all about weight, length and capacity. On Tuesday we took part in a scavenger hunt and had to find lots of items around the class of different weights and heights. We have been learning to covert ml – l, cm – m and g – kg and reading scales and rulers accurately.



English: In English this week we have been exploring a new book called Meerkat Mail, the story follows Sunny the meerkat on an adventure to try and find a more suitable home. Throughout the text, Sunny writes postcards home to his family to let them know everything's he's been up to on his travels. We began by discussing the features of a postcard and talking about the language and tone we use when talking to friends and family. Next, we had a go at writing postcards based on experiences from our own travels and trips and tried to include some of the language features discussed.

We then found out that Sunny had arrived in Meerkat Harborough!! We used the FANTASTIC's to gain an understanding of how we thought Sunny might be feeling after arriving in chilly Meerkat Harborough and what sorts of things he could see and hear. Finally we wrote postcards in the style of Sunny and the results were SUPERB!!



Topic & Science: We have been understanding the difference between continent and countries. We located different countries in Africa using atlases and also found out where some famous landmarks are, such as Victoria Falls and The River Nile.



In Science, we have been investigating forces, this week we learnt all about magnets. First, we dicussed magnetic poles (north and south), then how we use magnets in everyday life and finally which materials are magnetic. We learnt that magnetic force, like gravity, is a non-contact force, by moving around iron filings in a sealed petri dish.



Using bar magenets, we then found lots of items around the classroom that were magnetic and finally explored what happens when same poles come in contact. We learnt to use the words **attract** and **repel** to describe how the forces work and created posters to showcase all our new knowledge.

Homework Tasks

This week's times tables to practice are:



TASK: Building on your creative writing from this week, use the FANTASTIC's to describe an African scene – It could be **anything**; a busy market, Cape Town Harbour, a silhouette picture, a desert like Sunny's home....you can choose.

Think about the writing you did on Monday for the African village, use all your senses to create powerful sentences – can you **'BOOM!'** them up with a **simile** or add in **alliteration**?

| Pupil feedback | Parent feedback | Teacher feedback |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | |