Rationale:

This learning has been chosen to engage the children and motivate them to write for a given purpose, using the quality text Meerkat Mail. Through the meerkat's travels, we will explore hot and cold places of the world, learning about the animals that live there. Building on previous knowledge and understanding in Art, children will apply their learning of colour and shape when exploring sculpture.

English

Over the half term the children will continue to practise using their full stops and capital letters, as well as conjunctions like but, because and that. They will explore the use of effective adjectives when we write interesting setting descriptions about the places Sunny the meerkat visits. When we learn all about animals, the children will use their writing skills to create an animal information guide to inform others. They will also get the chance to write letters back to Sunny along the way!

Music

We will be following a music scheme called Charanga, based around a reggae song called Zootime. As musicians we will have the chance to sing the song and learn to play percussion instruments.

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Science

As scientists, the children will explore what animals and humans need to survive and what they need to grow and stay healthy. The children will also identify and explain how the habitats that animals live in, help them to survive, and how animals have adapted to live there.

Geography

During Geography learning, the children will use different types of maps to locate polar regions and the equator. They will be identifying hot and cold places of the world. Physical and human features of the hottest and coldest places in the world will also be a focus. Children will develop their map skills using our school grounds.

Key Vocabulary: equator, polar regions, physical, human, atlas, globe.

The focus in PE this half term will be gymnastics. The children will learn how to travel in different ways and how to link movements to make a sequence both on the floor and on apparatus.

KASE

Our curriculum is designed to ensure the children build their knowledge whilst having opportunities to develop important attributes like teamwork and empathy. We plan for a clear progression of skills and provide a wealth of experiences to further their engagement and understanding. We therefore call this our KASE curriculum.

Computing:

In computing this half term, the children will create, edit and save information related to a chosen animal and their habitat, using an APP called Book Creator.

<u>Art</u>

Focusing on sculpture, the children will use clay to make animals and use collage to create a suitable habitat.

RE

In RE, the children will move on from studying Christians, to now learning about sacred places, exploring the question; What makes some places sacred to believers?

Maths

Our focus in Maths this half term will be multiplication and division. The skills the children will be learning include; making equal groups, writing multiplication sentences, using arrays, using times table facts to solve problems and sharing and grouping. Children will also continue to learn their 2x, 5x and 10x table facts.

The children will also develop their understanding of measurement.

PE will be on a Wednesday. PE kits to be kept in school please. Forest School and outdoor learning will be on a Friday. Children need to come to school wearing their outdoor clothes.