

# Year 1 Spring Term 2026

## Novel Study

We will be beginning our spring Novel Study by looking at "Meerkat Mail" by Emily Gravett.

Children will use this text to look at features of different genres, such as a non-chronological report and try to create their own. We will look at poetry and writing letters / emails.

They will use the text and the main character Sunny to find out about the world and animals and apply this knowledge to create different pieces of work.

Children will continue to access Read Write Inc to get a sound understanding of letters and sounds.

During this term we will continue to focus on letter and number formation integrated into daily sessions.



## Foundation Subjects

**Science** What kind of animal is Sunny and how do I know? We will look at how animals grow, what they eat and what they need to survive. **Geography** We will explore the questions: Where does Sunny live? and how is it different to where I live? Children will identify and describe the different continents and oceans in the world and identify hot and cold parts of the world.

**History** Children will explore who were the Wright Brothers and why were they famous as well as looking at the significance of other key figures in aviation, such as, Amy Johnson.

**Music** Children will use the pictures and text Meerkat Mail to plan a party for Sunny. Children will create some African music using percussion instruments, as well as explore sound, choose instruments and listen to sounds all around us. This music will support their African dancing that they will perform for the class.

**Art** Children will use a computer program to illustrate their E-book.

**Computing** Children will create an E-book using words and pictures.

## Physical Education

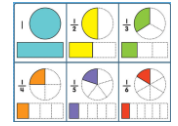
Please come to school **DRESSED IN PE KIT** on days when you have PE please. Children will not be getting changed in school therefore you **do not need** school uniform on those days, thank you.

**Nightingales' PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Starlings' PE days are Wednesday and Thursday.**

Please remember for your PE kit you will need:

- trainers or pumps
- a plain white t shirt
- black shorts. If the weather is cold, you are able to wear black tracksuit bottoms and a black jumper / tracksuit top.

## Mathematics



- Number and place value up to 50
- Addition and subtraction
- Shape
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

We will continue to practise number formation, reading and writing numbers in words as well as numerals. Please visit the Numbots website (log in details in reading planner) for extra practise.

## PSHE and RE

- Children will explore and consider the question: How are symbols used to welcome new life? We will explore this in the context of various religions.
- The theme for PSHE is "Dare to be you". We will explore different values and wider world views.

## Home Learning

**Reading:** Please read **every night** to an adult this can be your school reading book, a book you have accessed on Bug Club or your Read Write Inc book. Please get an adult to comment and sign your planner.

Weekly reads will be counted on a **Monday** (Nightingales) and **Wednesday** (Starlings) where anyone who reads 5 times or more will be given a treat. Reading for Pleasure books will also be changed on these days each week. These books are given to be shared with an adult. 😊

**Maths:** Children can visit the Numbots site (log-in information in planner) to play interactive fun maths activities to earn certificates and to develop their understanding, recall and fluency of addition and subtraction facts.