

English – Poetry, Information Text, Debating

In week 1, children will focus on the poem ... and write a poem in the same style linking to Spain.

Weeks 2 – 4 we link to our Geography learning where we will be creating information texts in the form of brochures for tourists visiting Spain. Children will use the features of a brochure to provide information about different Spanish cities, tourist attractions and culture.

Our core text this term will be *Toro! Toro!* by Michael Morpurgo, which we will use as a stimulus for our debating in weeks 5 and 6, thinking about the culture around bull fighting in Spain.

In week 7 we will create descriptive writing using the theme 'Take One Picture'.

In Guided Reading this term, we will be using our core text to answer retrieval and inference questions as well as exploring key words and phrases with the text. The text will also support our writing.

Our SPaG focus this half term will include noun phrases, parenthesis, modal verbs, suffixes and relative clauses.

Science – Living Things and Habitats

In term 1, children will learn to describe how living things are classified into broad groups. To do this, children will be observing the similarities and differences of animals, micro-organisms and plants. Children will also be using scientific language to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Geography – Place Knowledge and Locational Knowledge

This term, Meerkats will be researching Spain and the UK using a variety of maps (atlases, Google Earth and printed maps) to explore the physical and human geography of the two locations. The children will be comparing the two locations and look at the major cities within the countries. We will also be looking at Spanish culture and festivals and comparing to our own.

Computing – Programming

This term we will be using the programming website: Scratch. Over the term, children will be using coding language, blocks and variables to create up to 4 different games and animations.

¿Casa o Fuera? *Home or Away?*



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Music – Livin' on a Prayer

This term, children will explore classic rock songs and learn to clap, sing and play instruments to songs including I Saw Her Standing There by The Beatles, Livin' On A Prayer by Bon Jovi, We Will Rock You By Queen, Smoke On The Water by Deep Purple and Johnny B. Goode by Chuck

PSHE and RE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about 'Being Me'; identifying goals for our school year, finding out what being a citizen means, thinking about our rights, responsibilities, choices, consequences and rewards, and how anti-social behaviour can have an impact. We will also discuss democracy and the importance of having a voice.

In R.E., we will look to answer the question 'Can religions help to build a fairer world?'

Art – Great Spanish Artists

This term, Meerkats will be focusing on three great Spanish artists: Picasso, Gaudi and Dali. They will learn about each artist and explore some of their most famous and influential works of art, before creating their own art pieces in the same style.

Design and Technology – Food Tech

Meerkats will have the opportunity to taste Spanish food at the beginning of the term, and end the term by preparing their own Spanish dish.

Maths – Place Value and the Four Operations

This term we will begin reviewing and securing our knowledge of place value before we move our understanding of the place value columns on to explore numbers up to 10,000,000.

This will then develop into using the four operations. Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, children will learn to use common factors, common multiples, square, cube and prime numbers, as well as developing their problem solving and reasoning skills.

PE – Personal – Coordination and Agility

This term we start using our new PE platform: Real PE! In Autumn 1 the whole school will be working on the 1st cog (or Multi-Ability Skill) 'Personal' and Meerkats will practise this skill through focusing on the Fundamental Movement Skill, 'Coordination and Agility', using Ball Skills.