



Year 2 – Downs Way – Summer 1 Term 2018

Everyone at Downs Way is supported, challenged and secure in a caring environment.

English Learning

Out topic for the half term is MeerKat Madness. We will explore the text Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We will be immersing ourselves in the text through questioning, drama, role play and discussion. Our writing will include; non-chronological reports, letter and postcard writing. Alongside this, we will learning about different aspects of grammar for writing, focus on different spelling patterns and spelling our common exception words correctly. We will also be focusing on personification through Spring poetry and looking at alternative Jack in the Beanstalk stories to create our own fantasy worlds.

Topic Learning

Science – Our topic this half term will be ‘Plants’ we will be looking at parts of a plant and what they require to grow. We will be recording changes over time in our potatoes and other plants.

Geography – We will be revising the continents and oceans of the world. Locating the equator and learning about climate. We will also compare parts of Africa with our local area.

Computing – We will continue to visit the ICT suit at St Marys and continue developing our research and word processing skills.

Music – We will continue with our recorder lessons and explore African Drums

RE – The Five Pillar of Islam will be this terms focus.

Art & DT – African inspired art and plant printing inspired by Henri Matisse

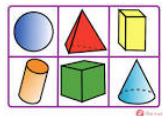
PSHE & British Values – celebrating our differences

Mind-Up – We will continue with the Mind-Up programme.

PE – African dance and swimming.

Maths Learning

Our maths focus this term will be problem solving and reasoning within addition and subtraction, time and measure, 2D and 3D shape. We will also revise multiplication and division. We will be continuing times table tests weekly focusing on 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



Learning Alongside the Termly Topic

We will be continuing with the MindUp program and will learn more about the brain. We will find out how we can be mindful with our learning.

We will continue to focus on being resilient learners as well as asking questions to extend our learning.

Alongside Literacy we will continue to develop our grammar, spelling and composition skills.

Supporting Learning At Home

Daily reading for 15 minutes and discuss the books. Learn 2, 5 and 10 times tables and mental maths skills. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Telling the time 😊