

# Spring Term in Year 1

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year! We are looking forward to welcoming the children back in January with our brand new topic.

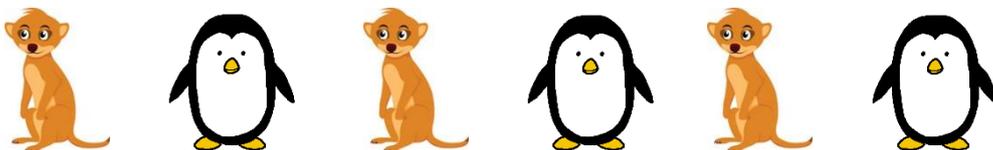
## Would You Rather be a Penguin or a Meerkat?



In the spring term, we will be asking the children 'would you rather be a meerkat or a penguin?'. To support them in reaching their final decision, the children will be exploring the Kalahari desert and Antarctica. We will be looking at what each of these locations looks and feels like and the animals that we might find there. We will then compare these two places to where we live, thinking about what is the same and what is different.

To support the topic, the children will also be creating their own water colour picture of their favourite location using the artwork of Tony Hudson to support their creations. They will then use a range of percussion instruments to create sounds of the environment in this location.

We are really looking forward to exploring this topic with Class 1!





## Forest School



Next half term, the children will be continuing to access the 'Jungle' for Forest School on the following dates:

12<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February

On these dates, please make sure that your child comes to school with a pair of welly boots or old shoes that can get dirty whilst in the 'Jungle'.



## Reading at Home



We are so proud of the children's progress with their reading and we thank you for supporting with this at home.

Please remember to read with your child at least **3 times** a week. We have a reward chart in school to praise the children who have read at least **3 times** in a week.

Your child will also come home with a library book that they have chosen themselves. This is a story that they can share with you at home.



## Numbots and Spelling Shed

The children in Year 1 have all been set up with a Numbots and Spelling Shed account. You can find the log in details for this in the front of their blue book that was sent home. If you can not find them, please send us a message in their reading record and will send your log in details again.

We would like the children to practise their spellings and maths at least **1 time** a week.

