

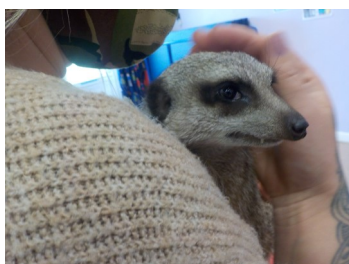


## FEDERATION NEWS

Friday 21st May 2021

### 2SH NEWS

In 2SH, we finished off our work on meerkats and the story "Meerkat Mail" by a visit from some African creatures. We all had our favourites but the meerkats were definitely the highlight even though one of them was being a little grumpy! The snake was fairly fantastic too and most of us had a go at holding it. It was surprisingly heavy.



We have now moved onto the story by Roald Dahl of "Fantastic Mr Fox." We are really enjoying this book and have had lots of interesting discussions such as if it is alright for Mr Fox to steal and should the animals have celebrated with a feast. As well as being able to give an opinion as to if something is right or wrong, we have been making sure that we can justify the reasons behind it.

This week we have focussed on the chapter about the great feast and have imagined that we are actually there, peeping around the corner. We have come up with really good words to describe what we saw, smelt and heard as well as how we felt as we watched this scene.

We have started to make rod puppets of characters from our book. There are lots of different stages and skills to get the hang of but we all loved moulding the head shapes with papier mache last week and this week we've been working on the textiles.



### JUNIOR SITE CHOIR

Our school choir will be re-starting after May half-term. We meet every Wednesday from 3:30-4:15pm in the school hall. Children can go straight to the hall when school ends. Please return the reply slip (leaflet on dojo) or let the Junior office know if your child wishes to join.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property which is unable to be returned due to not being named. Please name all items of clothing that come into school, this makes it so much easier to get any lost items back to you as quickly as possible.

In the meantime please check our lost property to see if anything belongs to you. This will be taken to the fire station clothing bank after half term. Thank you.

### LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

It has been lovely seeing all the children back in assemblies together and being able to play with each other at break and lunchtimes. They seem to be very excited about the change as well.

After May half-term we are hoping we can open up the school up to outside visitors meaning choir and peripatetic music lessons can start again. We will also move to a federation bubble, which will allow our older junior children to come down to the infant site at lunchtime to play with the younger children, and our Year 2's to attend the junior site as part of their transition.

Hopefully in the summer term all classes will be able to go on school trips. Something I know we have all missed. Regardless of this we will still be keeping a close eye on the figures and if necessary will go back to the year group/school bubbles.

### COATS/JACKETS

Please can you ensure your child has some form of coat/jacket in school. The weather is very changeable at the moment and we try and get them outside as much as we can.

### PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

The Junior School will be starting peripatetic music lessons after May Half-Term. Mrs Cork and Mrs Smith straight away but Mr Goodall who teaches Guitar won't come back until September 2021.

Mrs Cork teaches: Recorder, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone on a Wednesday. Mrs Smith teaches piano and keyboard on a Thursday. Both have a few spaces available so please contact the school office if you would like your child to start music lessons. All lessons are £10 for a 20 minute session. Before signing up for lessons please ensure that there is an instrument that children can practice on between lessons.



### HALF-TERM

A reminder that half-term is from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June. Children return to school on Monday 7th June.