## Year One- Spring 2

Another fantastic half term again Year One.

This half term we have been using the story Meerkat Mail. Our focus has been to write the story as if Sunny came to visit Whitburn. We have also used our knowledge of Africa to write our own holiday brochures, planning what we could do if we went on holiday there.



We have made some good progress in our phonics sessions. We are finding lots of different ways to make the same sound. We are even starting to use some of these alternative ways in our writing. We love reading the nonsense words that have the new sounds in. They do make us laugh



In Maths our focus has been looking at place value of numbers up to fifty. We are becoming really confident at saying how many tens and how many ones a number has. We can also compare number using the mathematical symbols for more than, less than and equal to. The rhyme "number gator likes to munch the bigger number" really helps us with this.

Our big question in Geography has been; Why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole? We have loved finding out about Africa. We know Africa is a continent and that the Kalahari Desert where Sunny the Meerkat lives is in three different countries! We have found out about the physical Geography of Africa using maps and Google Earth to help us.





Our Art focus this half term has been 3D modelling. We are investigating how to manipulate modelling clay to create an insect or a Minibeast. We have looked at using a range of tools and equipment to create different effect. We can't wait for them to be dry so we can paint them.

In RE we have learned all about the Easter story. We now know why Good Friday is called a good day and how a special meal is still celebrated in Christian churches still to this day. The Reverend Jane came in to tell us the story and we had lots of questions we wanted to ask her.



We are all very proud of ourselves as we are working so hard. Have a lovely break and see you in the summer term!