



Weekly Learning Letter

Year Two

Week commencing: 14th September 2020

This week in Year Two ...	<p>We have had a very busy week, with a fantastic day at Colchester Zoo on Friday! Thank you to all parent helpers, we couldn't have done it without you!</p> <p>We have continued our topic 'What a Wonderful World!' by applying what we have learned about contrasting environments and the animals that live there. We have learnt that polar bears are carnivores and explored how a polar bear is adapted to it's environment. We then learnt how to make a food chain of animals that live in the Arctic. We explored why penguins don't need to fly and how they have adapted to their environment; the coldest and windiest place on Earth!</p> <p>In music, we have learned to play instrument parts and improvised rhythms to 'Zootime Song'.</p>
Reminder	<p>We have started our swimming lessons – please make sure your children have full kit including a hat (and goggles if required) on every Wednesday in school. Don't forget underwear!</p> <p>Your Bug Club log ins are now in your reading diaries. Please ensure that your child knows how to log in by themselves. Enjoy the wonderful array of books on offer!</p> <p>Please remember that we can only choose reading books on a Tuesday and Thursday due to COVID restrictions in the library. Story books can be chosen on a Monday and Friday.</p>
English	<p>We have been introduced to our new text; 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. We have created our own story maps and have begun to learn the story. We then practised using conjunctions to help us write sentences about some of the events that have happened in Meerkat Mail. We have also focused on using a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end.</p>
Maths	<p>Our focus this week has been to read and write numbers to 100 and counting within 100 (forwards and backwards). We then went on to composing and decomposing two-digit numbers using standard partitioning.</p>
Phonics & Spelling	<p>We have been recapping and applying phase 5 phonics this week after a while away.</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- Practise counting in ones (from any number) to 100; forwards and backwards.
- Have a go at composing and decomposing by partitioning numbers to 100.
For example: 76 is 7 tens and 6 ones.
6 tens and 8 ones is 68.
- Use the text map to retell the Meerkat Mail story.



