

Hello everyone!

Hope you're all well and you've had a lovely week with your families. My bread attempt went ok, it's a bit a pale so I think I should have left it in a bit longer! I'll have to watch more Bake Off for tips.

Here are a few more ideas to keep yourselves busy this week.

**Maths:** *money skills*

(You could use real money, pretend coins or print off pictures from online.)

How many coins can you recognise? How many notes can you recognise? Can you order the coins from smallest to largest amount?

Then, set up a shop using items from around the house. Choose prices for each item. Can you pretend to be the shopkeeper- you need to tell your customer how much the item is and carefully check they have given you the right amount! What happens if they give you too much money? What if they want two items?

**Reading:** *comprehension and prediction skills*

Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcwuTRQ16MU> or read together if you already have the book. Pause at different points in the story to discuss what has happened/ character's thoughts/ predict what will happen next. Can you find your favourite page?

**Phonics:** *practising recognising phase 2-5 sounds*

With the help of a grown up, can you write five alien words (nonsense words) and five real words using the same sound. Mix them up, can you read all the words, can you sort them into real and alien words? How quickly can you do it? Can you put sound buttons on?

e.g. for the split digraph a-e

sprake	make
trape	shake
praven	lane
wrate	taken
mabe	plated

**English:** *sentence work, understanding different forms and features of writing*

Linked to Meerkat Mail. Create a postcard to send to someone you miss using a piece of plain card.

Picture- what will you draw?

Address- what does each line of the address tell the postman? What's the difference between a street and a town, what is a county? What is the job of the postcode?

Message- look at the examples in the story to help you remember what we need. We wrote a letter to Santa at Christmas- a postcard is similar. What do we need to start our message? What are you going to include in your message? Do you want them to write back, how could you ask? Don't forget how to sign off and include that it's from you.

**Topic:** *learning about significant people in the past*

We'll be learning about significant people in the past next week and looking closely at different explorers as part of this. Think about what is a significant person? What does significant even mean? Can you draw/ write about someone who is significant to you and someone who is significant to the country.

Qs: Think about different people who are significant in your family, why are they so important? Who would be significant to our country? Would Boris Johnson be significant now? Or the Queen? Why?

**Additional resource:** New! Free home learning packs from Scholastic:

If you have Julia Donaldson books at home, follow this link <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/40114> and sign up for free to download. They have home learning packs based on different books that might be helpful if you're a little stuck for ideas.

Take care everyone, missing you all.

Miss Walker