

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Following our trip to Tropical World last week, we have become meerkat experts and written fact files about these fascinating creatures. Did you know that meerkats have a second eyelid to protect their eyes during sandstorms? The children will be able to tell you lots more facts about how they are adapted to live in the desert habitat if you ask them! Our learning in Science this week moves onto micro habitats within our school environment.

In Numeracy, we learnt how to use jottings to solve multiplication questions and problems. For example:

$$3 \times 5 = 15$$

3 groups of 5



The children used these methods to solve different word problems. Here are some examples:

<p>I have four 5p coins. How much money do I have altogether?</p>	<p>There are five pairs of socks in the drawer. How many socks are there?</p>	<p>I have eight 2p coins. How much money do I have?</p>
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Some children will be able to multiply by 2, 5 and 10 mentally which is great but it is important that they can still show this in the form of a jotting to show their understanding. This week's homework provides a good opportunity for your child to revisit this skill at home.

In Art, we have started to learn about the artist Andy Warhol and his unique style of painting called Pop Art which features very bright colours and repeating patterns. One of his paintings features 32 repeating soup cans which he chose because they were his favourite lunch.



Following on from this learning, we will be creating a piece of artwork in the style of Andy Warhol. In order to complete this artwork we need your help! We are gathering any objects that could make a print in the shape of a circle (e.g. bottle tops, milk bottle lids, buttons, Lego wheels, cotton reels, old coins etc.) Please note we may not be able to return these items so don't send anything in that you require back! Any objects can be sent in to your child's class teacher next week. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team