

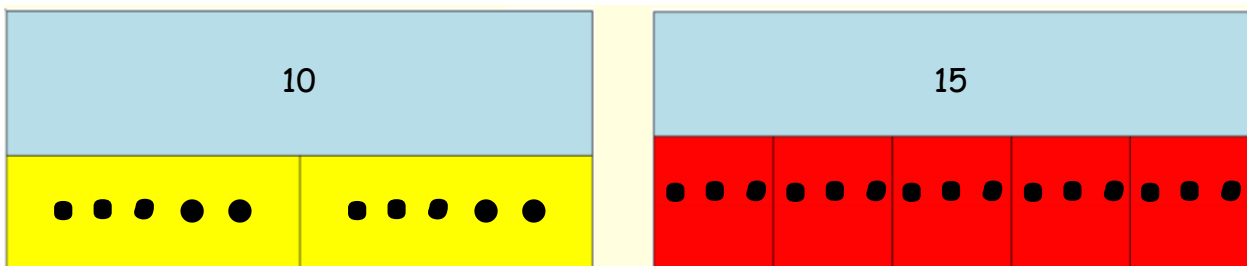
Dear Parent/Carers,

Following our trip to Tropical World, we have read the book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett in which Sunny the meerkat goes on adventures to different habitats that are not suitable for him to live in such as the marshes. From each habitat, he writes a postcard home to his family in the desert. The children have written their own postcard from Sunny and decided whether he would be visiting the Arctic or an ocean habitat. We were very impressed with the children's ability to write exactly like Sunny who sounded like he was simply having a conversation!

In Maths, we have introduced the children to division methods – this week by sharing and after half term by grouping. We understand that in the same way as when we multiply, the groups must be equal. The children have used a bar model to share an amount, for example:

$$10 \div 2 = 5$$

$$15 \div 5 = 3$$



The children were also challenged to use their knowledge of division to solve problems, such as:

Sunny, his brother and his sister share out 15 scorpions equally. How many do they get each?

This week, we have completed our CCL topic: 'Dressing Up'. In Art lessons, we made our own printing block by carving a design out of polystyrene. We then used our block to print in the style of Andy Warhol by using repeating patterns and contrasting colours. We will continue to learn about Andy Warhol after half term by editing pictures in a Pop Art style in ICT.

Year 2 holiday homework is to practise riding a scooter, bike or skate board ready for our 'Transport' launch day next half term. The children will be invited to bring their vehicle in on that day. More information about this will follow after the holidays. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we will see you back at school on **Tuesday 25th February**.

Many thanks for your on-going support,

Mrs Haigh, Mrs Shaw and the Year 2 Team