



## FS & KS1 School Year 2 Newsletter Week 3 ~ 19th September 2019



**Theme:** *It's a Wild World: Africa! The Sahara*

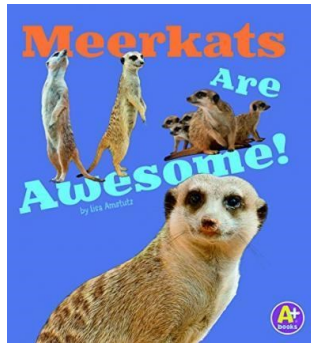
**Science Topic:** *Living things and their Habitats*

**Term 1.1 Learning Challenge:** *Do we live in the city or the desert?*

**Week 3 Learning Challenge Question:** *How do animals adapt to the desert?*



### How do Meerkats adapt to the desert?



We used the non-fiction text, *Meerkats are Awesome!* to find and learn facts about Meerkats. To answer our Learning Challenge question we learned to describe the location and **conditions** of the Kalahari Desert. Other information we gathered on meerkats helped us interpret and understand our English text in more depth.



**How you can help us with our Learning Challenge at home:** Can you find even more information about Meerkats?

### English Text ~ Meerkat Mail

Meerkat Mail tells the adventures of Sunny the Meerkat as he travels from his home in the Kalahari Desert to other habitats. He is a very endearing, lovable character which children love.

We are creating story maps and retelling the story in preparation for writing postcards as Sunny in the coming weeks.



### English ~ Phonics and Spelling

In the first weeks of Year 2 we are revising some **Phase 5 graphemes** - the alternative spellings for certain sounds. We are introducing **homophones**, words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings. Learning homophones shows us the importance of choosing the correct graphemes for spelling. We see this in words such as *blew* and *blue*. This will be one of our important **strategies for spelling** we focus on this year.

### Maths ~ Place Value

We exercised our place value knowledge to count in 10's from any 2-digit number.

**Homework:** *2-digit revision Number Crossword*



Remember you can begin extra Maths practice at home now too!

### Spelling Homework Project ~ Writing numbers to 100

We begin spellings by practicing writing numbers all the way to a hundred! This week we are writing one to ten. We need to learn to write all our numbers in words correctly and remember how to do it! Once you think you have mastered spelling the number in words, circle it in your hundred square.

***This is a project to keep at home and we will add to it each week.***



Sunny, leaving home as he begins his adventure. What do you think he is feeling at this moment?

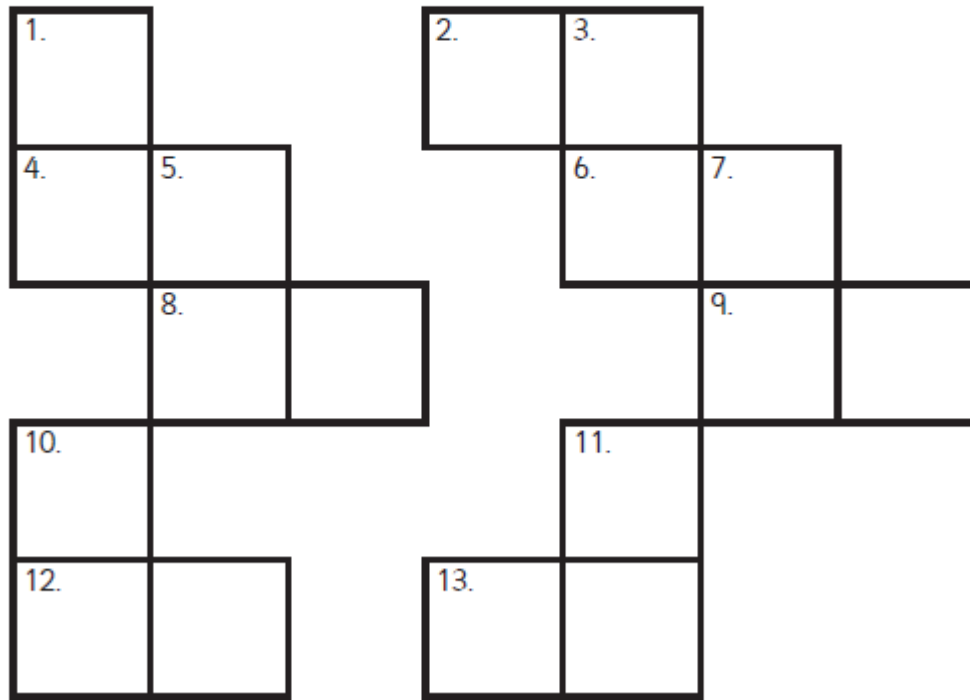
Over his journey Sunny, our main character, visits a lot of different places, homes and habitats. This week we applied a lot of facts we learned about Meerkats to the story.

**Learning Challenge at home: Drawing activity** - we have seen a lot of wonderful illustrations in Meerkat Mail and we have also learned a lot about where they live (their habitat) in Science. Take some time to create a drawing about Sunny the Meerkat inspired by your learning this week. Be as detailed as you can and try to fill the space below. Can you label your picture with key words? For example: burrow, bolt hole, mob, underground.



# Numbers to 100 – 2-digit revision

1 Complete the number crossword.



## Across

- 2. One more than 97.
- 4. One less than 69.
- 6. Ten less than 59.
- 8. Ten more than 7.
- 9. The number before 19.
- 12. The number after 29.
- 13. Ten more than 55.

## Down

- 1. The number after 55.
- 3. The number before 85.
- 5. Ten more than 71.
- 7. One less than 92.
- 10. Ten less than 83.
- 11. One more than 34.

Use a hundred square to help you.








I found this:

😊 Easy

😬 Challenging

😓 I needed help

# Writing to a Hundred Practice

 Look and say 	 Look, say and write 	Cover and write 
one		
two		
three		
four		
five		
six		
seven		
eight		
nine		
ten		

## Year 2 Spelling Project!

When you feel you have learned your spelling of a number in words, circle or colour the number on your 100 square. Next week you will be given the next ten number words to learn. This is a project to keep at home.

### 100 Square

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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