



WELCOME TO MEERKATS!

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WRITING

- To inspire and challenge all our writers we use 'The Write Stuff' writing program.



WHAT DOES THE LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

Sentence stacking

Experience days

Independent Writing

Character
Highs

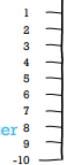


Narrative Map

This is a blank planning grid for you to plan your character and plot point sequence.
(Please decide how many plot points are needed before asking children to start planning.)



Character
Lows



To understand how to use this map, please read the page titled 'Narrative Journey'.

Initiate

Precise verbs

- Share the image of the plane spluttering to a halt and play a soundtrack of a crash.
- Gather a bank of actions words for 'crashing' onto the moon – banging, thudding, smashing, clanging, clattering.

Model

Precise verbs

Teacher model: Crash! Bang! Thud!
A spaceship crashed onto the moon.

Enable

Precise verbs

Pupils to repeat the three onomatopoeic words used at the start of their stories (the toy cupboard) and choose an ambitious word for 'crashed'.
HA: Deepen the moment.

Learning chunk 1

Simile

- Bring six green objects into the classroom – peas, herbs, leaf, grass, sprouts, cabbage.
- Compile a bank of adjectives related to these objects – peas (shiny); herbs (fragrant); leaf (smooth); grass (soft); sprouts (hard); cabbage (bumpy).

Simile

Teacher model: The alien was as green as a shiny pea.

Simile

Create your own 'green' simile, using an adjective before the object.
HA: Deepen the moment.

Learning chunk 2

Question

- Share the picture of the alien's spaceship landing.
- Using an enormous 'thinking bubble', brainstorm some internal thoughts questions for the boy – Who is this? What has happened? Why are we here? Where has that alien come from? Will he be my friend?

Question

Teacher model: 'Who is this?' the boy thought.

Question

Include an internal thought for the boy.
HA: Deepen the moment.

Learning chunk 3

*HA = Higher Attainers



INDEPENDENT
WRITING

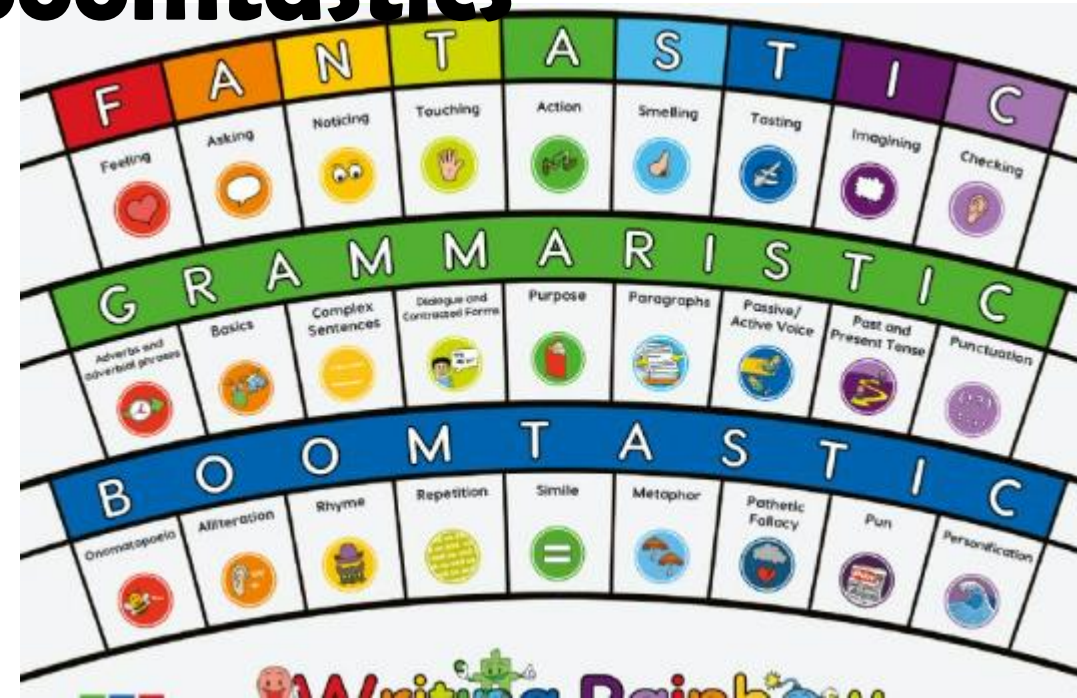
WORDS YOU MIGHT HEAR...

Chotting

Kind Calling

Fantastics, gramatastics, boomtastics

Plot points



Monday 9th January

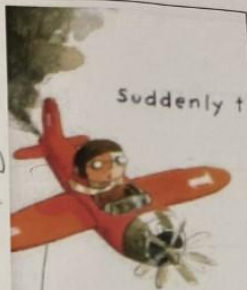
Plot point 4

Chotting Page.

Ideas for our sentences.



- Bad engine
- crashed
- landing, dropped



- yellow
- Big rocky
- gold huge



What shall I do?
Why am I here?



Sentence stacking yr 1

suddenly the plane
dropped. It had run out
of petrol.

He landed on the huge,
golden moon.

Why am I here The boy
thought ^{anxiously}

Thursday 5th January, 2022

Plot Point 1 - Paradise

Marine, bright, tranquil, gummy, mesmerising, beautiful, light, sunny, magical, picturesque, light, blinding, lush.

Waving, dancing, floating, swimming, gliding, shining, gliding, swaying, pirouetting, swirling, bounding, etc.

grass, leaves, trees	birds
Scuttering, rustling, waving, swaying, blowing, crunching, whistling, swishing, swooshing, clapping, creaking of branches.	Twittering, chirping, singing, whistling, twirling, cheeping, gliding, muttering, clapping, feathers rustling.

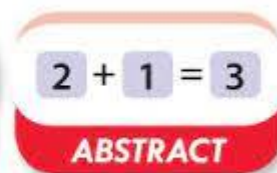
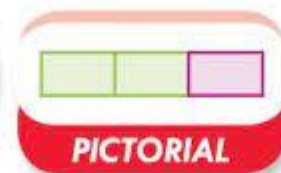
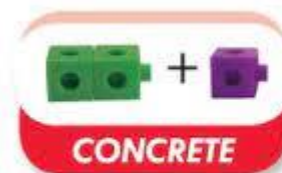
Marty stared up at gummy, lush clouds that danced across the marine, water-like sky like as gracefully as ballerinas. His attention was drawn the sweet singing of the birds high above him in the trees. He closed his eyes as the bees zipped and zoomed around him weaving through his arms and legs. Marty, who loved his plants like family, observed his poppies carefully.

who loved little shop of horror
who ~~to~~ was a big fan of all plants
of size
who was only eleven years old
who was one with the plants
who was a nature nerd

Marty, who loved his plants like family, watered the myriad of flowers with the bees flying around his head.

MATHS

WHITE ROSE AND TEACHING FOR MASTERY.



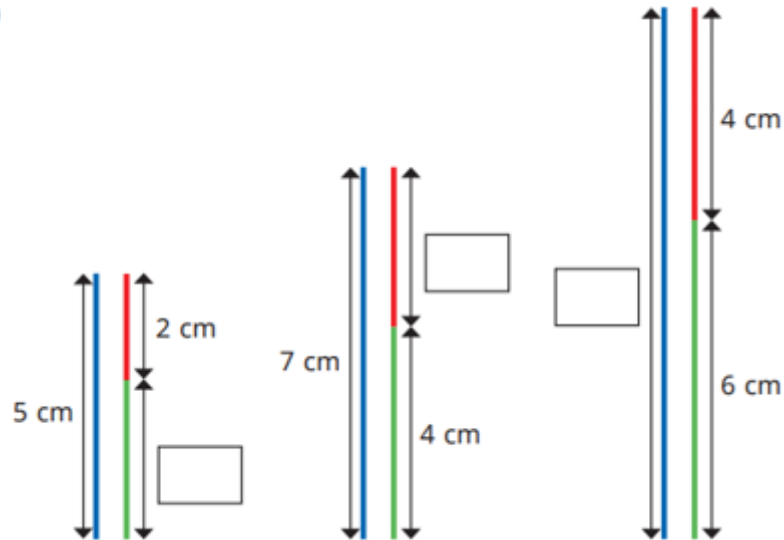
Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Week 5 Week 6 Week 7 Week 8 Week 9 Week 10 Week 11 Week 12

Autumn term	Number	Number	Number	Number	Measurement Converting units
	Place value FREE TRIAL VIEW	Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division VIEW	Fractions A VIEW	Fractions B VIEW	VIEW
Spring term	Number	Number	Number	Number	Measurement
	Ratio VIEW	Algebra VIEW	Decimals VIEW	Fractions decimals and percentages VIEW	Area, perimeter and volume VIEW
Summer term	Geometry	Themed projects, consolidation and problem solving			
	Shape VIEW	Geometry Position and direction VIEW	VIEW		



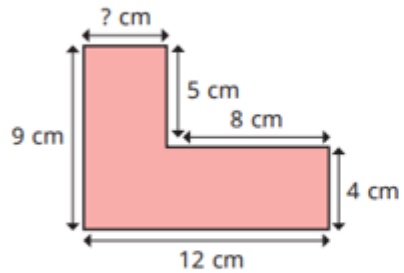
Fluency, Reason and problem solving.

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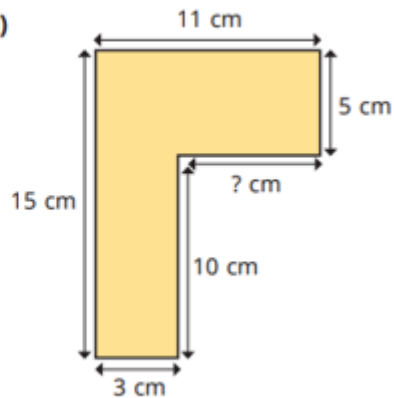


Work out the missing lengths.

a)

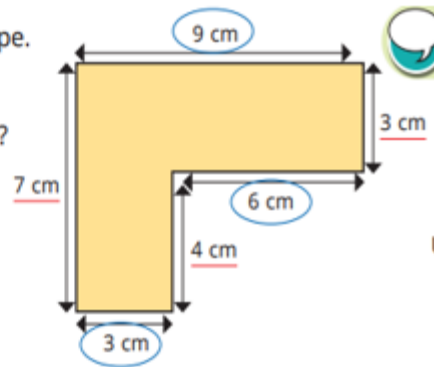


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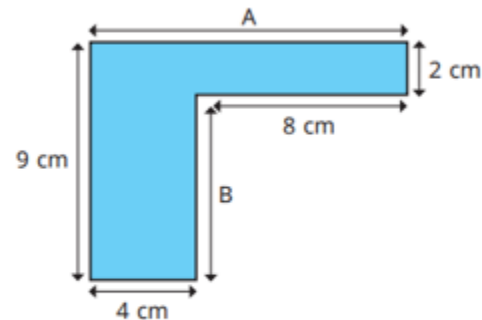


Max has drawn a rectilinear shape.

- What do you notice about the lengths that have been circled?
- What do you notice about the lengths that have been underlined?



Tiny is trying to work out the lengths of A and B.

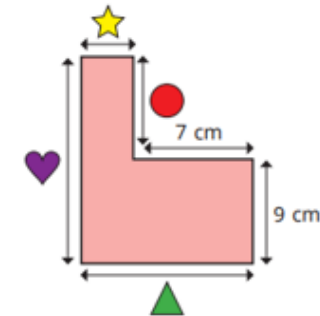


8 + 4 = 12, so A is 12 cm long.
9 + 2 = 11, so B is 11 cm long.



Do you agree with Tiny?
Explain your answer.

Use the clues to work out the unknown lengths.



- ★ is half the size of ●
- is the second multiple of 3
- ▲ is equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of ♥

Times tables

In year 6 we are focusing on revisiting all the times tables for those children that need further revision.

We use the Wiltshire method to teach times tables in class.

Children also all have access to TT Rockstars to practise at home.



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
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

PE

Real PE is a unique, child centred approach that transforms how we teach PE to include, challenge and support EVERY child.



PE

- Our PE lessons will be on a Thursday and a Friday .
- This term we will be focusing on Tag Rugby and Tag Netball
- PE kit recap coming up.

Lesson 1



Warm-Up
All Change



Game
Throw Tennis



Skill
Ball Skills



Review Method
Secret Stats

Science

We now use White Rose science to support our delivery of the curriculum. The White Rose Science curriculum has been selected because of its focus on supporting practical opportunities for science learning in all lessons.

<p>Year 5/6 <u>Electricity</u> Construct and draw series circuits using symbols Complete and incomplete circuits Variations within circuits Plan, Investigate, Evaluate: Voltage experiment <u>Renewable Energy</u> Explore: What is renewable energy? Using renewable energy</p>	<p>Year 5/6 <u>Living thing and their habitats</u> Explore: Conditions for life Grouping organisms Classifying animals Classifying plants Microorganisms Classifying organisms Carl Linnaeus</p>	<p>Year 5/6 <u>Properties of materials</u> Test materials - magnetic, transparency and hardness Test materials - electrical conductivity Step 3 Plan, Test and Evaluate: Insulating heat experiment Explore: Uses of everyday materials - plastic, wood and metal</p>	<p>Year 5/6 <u>Space</u> Explore: The solar system The planets Modelling Motion of the Earth and planets The solar system – ideas over time Planet Earth Night and day The Moon <u>Global Warming.</u> What is global warming? What is the impact of global warming on living things?</p>	<p>Year 5/6 <u>Reproduction A</u> Explore: Sexual reproduction in animals Reproductive parts in plants Pollination Asexual reproduction Plan and Plant: Cloning plants experiment. <u>Reversible and irreversible changes</u> Exploring: Dissolving Separating materials - filtering and sieving Solutions and evaporating burning acid</p>	<p>Year 5/6 <u>Reversible and irreversible changes continued.</u> <u>Plastic pollution</u> What is plastic pollution? What are the impacts of plastic pollution on the planet? <u>Reproduction B</u> Answer questions - cloning plants Present findings - cloning plants Evaluate - cloning plants</p>
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Wider curriculum

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Big Question	What if the Mayans Never Existed?	What wonders does the world behold?	Does being powerful make you right?		Inequality – Is it fair to be rich?	Can what's been done be undone?
Theme focus	The Maya	The World	WW2		Brazil	Rainforests
Key Texts	   	   	      	   	   	

Homework


Reading is the key to the curriculum.
There is a huge focus on reading in
all year groups.
Please try to read with your child
EVERY DAY.



Practice is key for times
tables and number facts. All
children will have a times
tables rock stars login to
practise at home and take
part in whole school, local
and national competitions.



Explore The Maya people loved chocolate! Think about your favourite chocolate treat. Can you design a new chocolate bar and wrapper?




Key Question: What if the Maya people had never existed?
Please have one or two of these activities ready by w/c Monday 16th October 2023

Create What can you find out about myths from the time of the Ancient Maya. Perhaps you could retell the story in your own words or even create a myth of your own!



Research
What can you find out about the famous Maya calendar. What was it? Perhaps you could create a calendar of your own!



Question
Try creating a quiz about the Maya civilisation.

Make
Can you draw a picture of a temple from the time of the Maya. Can you explain why temples were so important in their culture.



Talk to an adult
Talk to someone you know who has visited South America. Put together a series of questions you could ask them about their visit.



We have a broad and exciting curriculum that we hope your children is dying to share with you. Each term you will be provided with some optional hands on activities to explore our foundation subjects and wider curriculum further.



Your child will be screened on all the age appropriate spellings for their age group. You will receive a full list of the spellings that they are secure on and ones that may need more practice.

FOREST SCHOOL

**Meerkats will be having forest school on Thursday in Term 3
(after Christmas)**



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

We have 4 child friendly, simple rules

We are kind

We are respectful

We are honest

We are safe

Merits – certificates

Sparkle and shine

Uniform

For the school days and/or events the your child is representing the school at:

Red School Sweatshirt or Red Cardigan (with logo. REQUIRED)

White Polo-Shirt

Dark Grey Trousers or Skirts

Black School Shoes (not trainers) with Grey Plain Socks or Tights; (White Socks may be worn with skirts)

Optional Summer Uniform (Terms 5 & 6 only): Red Checked Summer Dress with White Socks or Dark Grey School Shorts with White Polo Shirt. Dresses may be worn with a Red Cardigan (with logo)

For P.E. and sports lessons:

Black Shorts and house colour T-Shirt and Trainers.

Plain Black/Dark Joggers and Sweatshirt or Tracksuit are recommended for outdoor P.E. during colder weather. No large logos.

For Forest school:

Wellington boots or similar appropriate footwear

Waterproofs and warm clothing (when appropriate)

Uniform with Logo may be purchased from SCHOLARS in Trowbridge.

Book Bags and Coats scribed with our school logo are available to purchase from the school office

AOB

- Water bottles
- Packed lunches and snacks
- Fidgets, toys etc
- After school clubs
- Pencil cases
- Trips and important dates for the year group

Upcoming parent workshops

KS2 Maths – 18th September

Hooke Court meeting- Friday 22nd September

**Our class assembly will be happening
on Tuesday 13th February.**



QUESTIONS?

