



## Suggestions for Spey class week beginning 8th June 2020



Morning everyone,

Hope you are all keeping well and are managing to enjoy some of the sunshine. Don't forget to check out some of the photos and videos on the school Twitter, Facebook and Website.

This week we are going to take a look at Meerkats.

Here are a few live webcam links:

<https://www.paigntonzoo.org.uk/explore/webcams>

<https://www.whatsupcams.com/en/webcams/slovenia/central-slovenia/ljubljana/ljubljana-zoo-webcam-meerkat/>

Or watch these really cute baby meerkats at West Midlands Safari Park:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5y7YLOiwBuM>

And of course there are the Compare the Meerkat Meerkats!

Baby Oleg's Highlights :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFbGaY18i18>

Thinking of you all

Janet and the Spey team

### Circle time

The pupils are used to starting the day with circle time and so this repetitive familiar task every morning may help with setting a routine. I have sent home laminated symbols and a board to stick them on. I have recorded our circle time songs/routine with all pupil names included plus an extra blank verse for anyone who may want to join us. This is saved under the Spey class heading on the webpage.

### Weekend Diaries

Pupils are encouraged or helped to pick 1 activity that they have done and enjoyed over the weekend (or previous week). The sentence can then be written or typed out for them and a picture chosen from the internet or drawn to illustrate the sentence. Depending on individual pupil ability then:

- stick the sentence and picture in the diary and read it with the child
- Cut up a second copy of the sentence and ask the child to match the words in the correct order
- Pupil to write out the sentence by hand
- Pupil to type the sentence on the computer

Or a mixture of the above. You will be able to see from the blue diary that was sent home which activity your child has been doing.

### Story time

I found some stories you might like this week about

#### Meerkat Mail

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJ1K2IrnvNM>

Milly the Meerkat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq91ZAKsC3U>

### Literacy

Suggestions for Literacy this week are:

- Any activity that links to your own child's literacy targets
- Why don't you write out the word Meerkat in big bubble letters and then fill in the letters using sand, stickers, scraps of paper, pasta or anything you have at home
- Try writing the word Meerkat or the letter M in sand or mud in the garden or make it out of playdough.
- For those of you making fact pages or enjoying fact finding here are some links to facts about Meerkats:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU97mlyPOMk>
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4og8q\\_X22o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4og8q_X22o) (National Geo - Meerkat Mischief)
- Try watching the stories suggested in story time. Can you make a postcard like Sunny in **Meerkat Mail**?

Craft ideas

Why not make yourself some pictures:  
How to Draw Meerkat | Step by Step  
Tutorial For Kids



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWEPEmv4QJA>

You might want to try this 3D model if you are feeling adventurous! (see template below)



Don't forget to look at the specialist Art teacher's Art at home ideas on the Braidburn webpage:

This week the art activity is all about bringing the outdoors indoors! Feel the different textures and smell the lovely smells. (Easy) Make fun pictures with leaves, flowers, pebbles, and twigs. Send a photo of your garden person to someone to brighten up their day. (Intermediate/Challenging)

Music

Dig a Tunnel – Meercat song from Lion King  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEeEtxBsCL4>

CBeebies | Andy's Animal Raps | Meerkat Scouts  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRtDR\\_wqnio](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRtDR_wqnio)

- Don't forget to look at the music page on the website too.

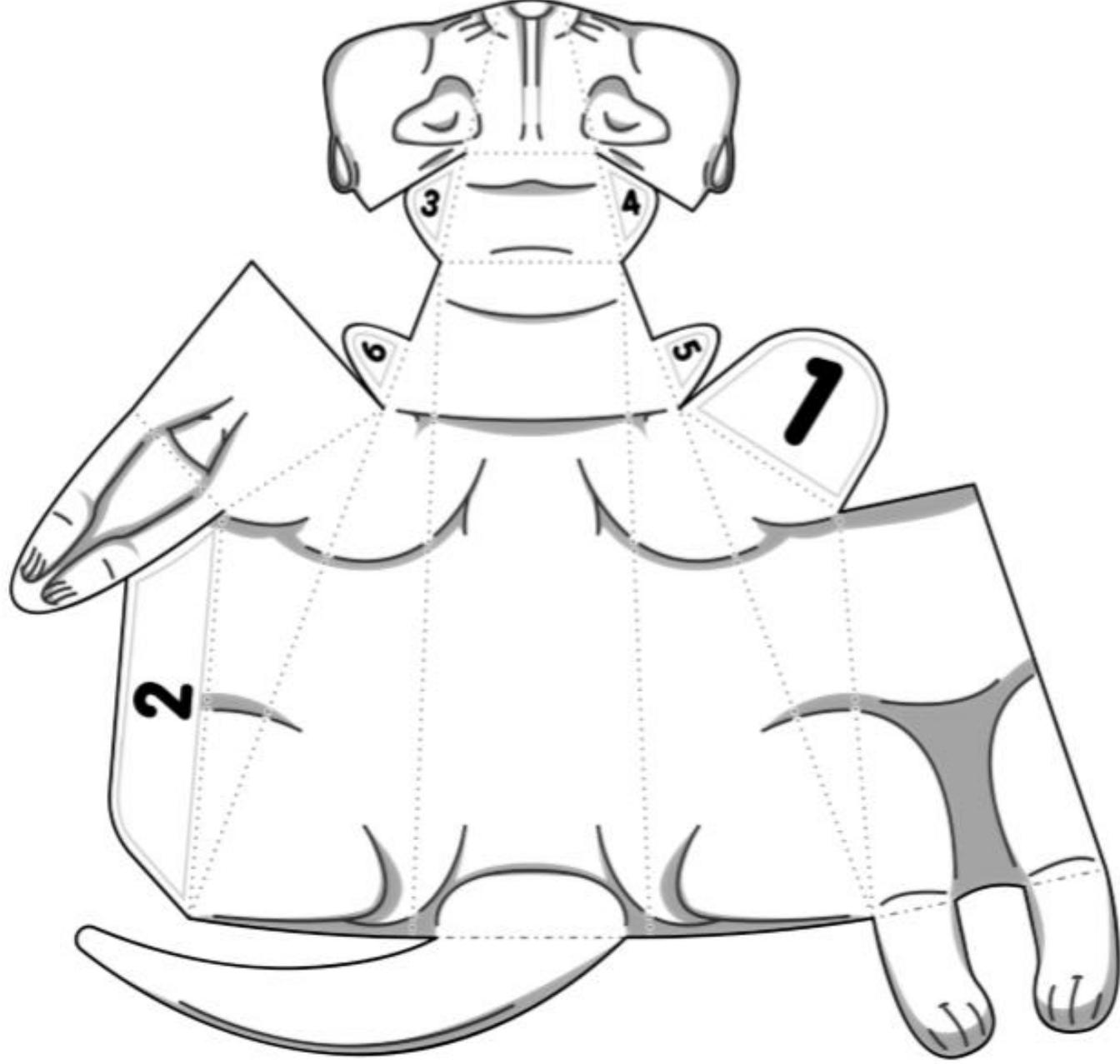
Numeracy

- Any task relating to individual numeracy targets
- Look out for painted stones if you are out for a walk and count how many you see
- Pick a number (or money amount) and if you are out on a walk or in the supermarket see how many times you can spot your number
- Put numbers (or simple sums) on to plastic bottles or cans and roll a ball to knock them over. You get a point for each number or answer you say/sign correctly
- Can you do some water play and talk about full and empty? Try filling up different containers and see which holds the most water.

Lifeskills

This week why not help put away the washing by folding up a T shirt . It might take a bit of practise!

# Meerkat Paper Model



- 1) Cut
- 2) Hill Fold
- 3) Valley Fold
- 4) Glue



Spey PE activity (from PE staff)

Hi girls and boys from Spey class. Let's do some gymnastic this week !!

Balancing bridges You can ask someone to help you make different type of bridges: you can do this by leaning against one another or a solid surface. For example, put your palms of your hands together and lean towards one another; stand back to back and slowly move your feet out to make a bridge beneath you; or put the palms of your hands against a wall and walk your feet out. Can you make a bridge so low that no one can get under? Have fun!!

