

Key Content

Meerkats

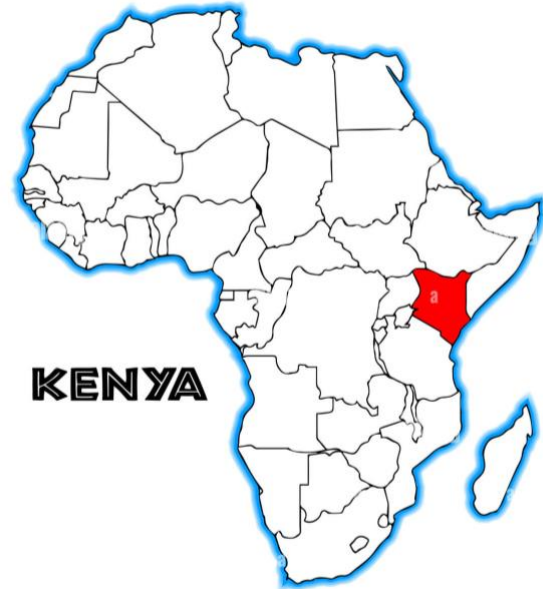
Meerkats live in the deserts and grasslands of the southern tip of Africa. They have bushy, brown-striped fur, a small, pointed face and large eyes surrounded by dark patches. They are extremely social animals and live together in burrows, which they dig with their long, sharp claws. Living underground keeps mob members safe from predators and out of the harsh African heat. Meerkats only go outside during the daytime. They use their sense of smell to locate their favourite foods, which include beetles, caterpillars, spiders and scorpions. They all have different jobs to do too!

Wangari Maathai

Wangari was a Kenyan politician and an environmentalist. An environmentalist works to protect the environment. She received the Nobel prize for peace in 2004. Maathai was the first black African woman to win a Nobel prize. She is known for her conservation of the environment.

Kenya

Kenya is one of the countries that makes up the continent of Africa. Kenya is a country in East Africa and is on the Equator. Kenya has 2 seasons, wet and dry and lots of different types of weather, depending on the area. Kenya has lots of wildlife.



Key Vocabulary:

beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather

city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

continent, country, Africa, Kenya, United Kingdom, capital city, equator

alive, animals, basic needs, characteristics, conditions, dead, depend on, environment, food, food chain, habitat, healthy, living, micro-habitat, plants, provide, shelter, sources, suited, growth, survival



Year 2
Spring Term 1

- Around the World - Exploring what life is like in Kenya!

Key Texts



In this topic, the children will:

- Create an information text documenting all they've learnt about Meerkats.
- Find out the basic needs of animals for survival.
- Understand the concept of a simple food chain.
- Understand the significance of Wangari Maathai's work.
- Identify how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals.
- Understand physical and human geographical similarities and differences of the United Kingdom and Kenya.
- Identify daily and seasonal weather patterns.
- Work with clay to create a coil pot, helping to understand aspects of Kenyan culture.

Enquiry Skills and Concepts

In this topic, the children will:

- Select and use specific terminology and concepts.
- Identify and classify different animals.
- Compare and contrast different habitats and countries.
- Communicate in appropriate and effective ways, including written, pictorial and orally.
- Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continents and oceans.

Key People, animals and countries

- Wangari Maathai
- Meerkats
- Kenya
- United Kingdom