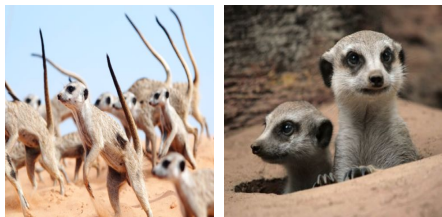


Key Question: Where would a meerkat like to live?

Where in Africa do meerkats live?

Geographical Vocabulary

burrow	a hole or tunnel dug by a small animal
climate	the weather conditions of a place
desert	an area of land with little water, usually covered with sand
habitat	the natural home of an animal or plant
mammal	a warm-blooded animal covered in hair or fur, which feeds its babies with milk
meerkat	a small southern African animal of the mongoose family
predator	an animal that naturally preys on others
scorpion	small animals with a curved tail that can deliver a poisonous sting



In this topic, **we are learning to:**

- use resources such as atlases and books
- describe and answer questions about the weather
- explain the main features of hot or cold place
- explain what we might wear at different times of the year
- identify where the equator, north pole and south pole are on a globe/ atlas

Key Facts: Meerkats

- Meerkats are mammals and live for approximately 12-14 years in the wild
- They weigh less than 1kg and have a body length of approximately 29cm
- Their top speed is approximately 32 kilometres an hour
- Meerkats are omnivores and live on a diet of beetles, caterpillars, spiders and scorpions.
- Meerkats live in deserts and can often be found in burrows. They only leave their burrows in the daytime
- Baby meerkats are called pups

6 questions you will know the answers to...

How do I use a globe or an atlas to find a country?

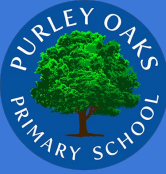
What is it like in a hot or cold place?

What might I wear at different times of the year?

What is the weather like today?

Where is the equator?

Where do meerkats live?



Assessment Focus:

Enquiry/Skills

Use different resources, such as atlases, books and the internet to answer a range of questions.

Describe and answer questions about the weather.

Keep and discuss a weather chart.

Knowledge

Explain the main features of a hot and cold place.

Explain how the weather changes with each season.

Physical Geography

Explain why they would wear different clothes at different times of the year.

Explain and record something about the people who live in hot and cold places.

Explain what they might wear if they lived in a very hot or a very cold place.

Human Geography

Identify the four countries making up the United Kingdom.

Identify/point out where the equator, north pole and south pole are on a globe or atlas.