

We had a wonderful week last week full of all sorts of surprises and learning opportunities.

We started the week during our Reading Roundabout by reading and exploring the book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. We looked closely at the vocabulary she uses and answered tricky inferential questions, using clues from the text to work out how the characters are feeling and what might happen next.

During the afternoon we prepared for our trip to Marwell Zoo by investigating our favourite animals and writing some super fact sheets which are hung up in our classrooms.

Our trip to Marwell was the highlight of the week. The grown-ups were so proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm.

Please take a look at some of the photos below.

The following day we wrote about our trip using the photos to help us. Here are some of our sentences:

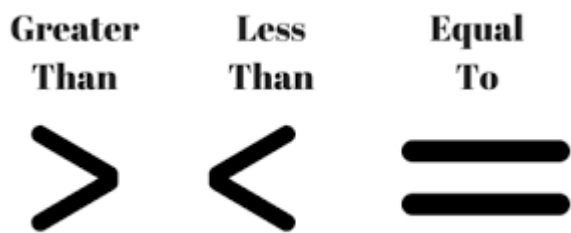
"The giraffes were the best because they were licking the drainpipes and windows with their long black tongues."  
Millie

"I loved the meerkats because they were funny and looked at me with big black eyes." Ethan

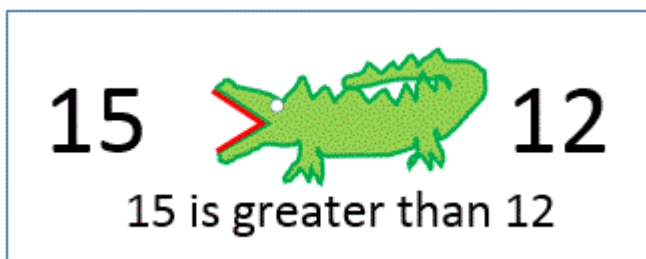
"We saw lots of lego sculptures. There was a lion who had three cubs. There was an elephant one and they could not tell us how many lego bricks it took to build because there are so many." George



During Maths we learnt how to compare numbers using the symbols:



By visualising a crocodile's mouth inside the symbol we realised that the crocodile always eats the bigger/greater number:



On Friday Sunny the Meerkat from Meerkat Mail came to our school for a visit! We showed him around the school and next week we will be writing a postcard for him to send back to the Kalahari Desert. In Forest School we created a map for him of the forest so he can find his way around. We used our skills of teamwork, cooperation and mapping to draw a clear route, marking out key features like trees, the firepit and the bug hotel.



What a fantastic week we have had!