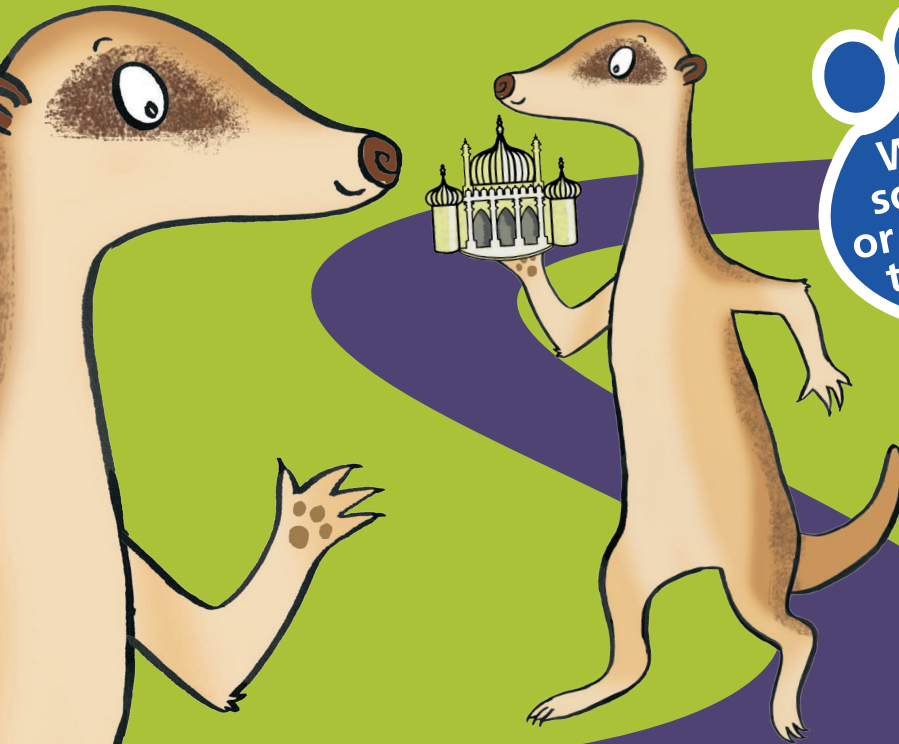


# Meerkat Discovery Trail

Find the Meerkats between 1 October - 1 December 2019



Welcome to our Meerkat trail for young children and their families. Nine Meerkats are hiding around central Brighton. Can you find them?



Collect stickers along the way and add them to your map in this booklet

#Brightonmeerkats



## Are you ready to do the Meerkat Discovery Trail?






Nine Meerkats are hidden around central Brighton. Plan your route before you start, as some Meerkats can only be seen during certain opening times.

### How to plan your route:

- Look at the map on p.6-7 and decide where you want to start.
- Check the location opening times on p.8 to find out when you can see the Meerkats and collect stickers.
- The whole trail will take up to 1½ hours. You don't have to do it all at once.




Now it's time to put on your walking shoes and start the trail!

While you are doing the trail you need to:

-  Spot where each of the Meerkats is hiding, see p 1-5
-  Where you see this symbol you can collect a sticker and stick it on p.9. If you can't collect a sticker, either draw a smiley face on p.9 or ask for an extra sticker at another location.
-  For each Meerkat location there are ideas of things to talk about together.
-  Write down what each Meerkat is holding on the back cover for a chance to win a prize in our prize-draw.
-  Send us your prize-draw entry by 31 Dec 2019. All details are on the back cover.

To plan your journey to the trail see [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail)

## Jubilee Library Meerkat

-  Look for the Meerkat in the Children's Library.
-  Collect a sticker from the Children's Library desk.
-  Take a look around the children's library. What or who can you spot on the 'Story Wall' under the skylight? What's your favourite story? There are lots of great books at the library but what else can you do here?

Stand outside the library. How many different restaurants can you spot? Do you know which country's food they serve, for example Italian, Indian, Japanese? Close your eyes – can you smell any of the food? Which restaurant would you choose to go to?




### Join the Library!

Joining Brighton and Hove Libraries is free. You can join at any of the libraries in the city. For more details or to join on-line see [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries)

### Did you know?

After Jubilee Library opened it won many design awards. Rainwater is collected from the library roof and is used to flush the toilets.

## Prince Regent Swimming Complex Meerkat


-  Look for the Meerkat on the window near the entrance.
-  Collect a sticker from the reception desk during opening hours.
-  Count the bikes on the bike racks. When you walk to Bright Start Nursery, you will see a path painted in black and white. What is this for?


### Free swimming for under 16s

Brighton & Hove City Council fund free swimming in the city for all children aged 16 and under. For more information see [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/free-swimming](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/free-swimming)



## Bright Start Nursery Meerkat

 Spot the Meerkat on the nursery garden fence.

 What play equipment can you see in the nursery garden? Can you spot the road, zebra crossing and mini roundabout? Can you count the number of circles on the nursery garden walls and ground?




### Did you know?

The Bright Start Nursery building used to be 'North Road Slipper Baths'. A 'slipper bath' is similar to a domestic bath. The baths were used by many local people who had no bath of their own, and closed in 1976. There were many slipper baths in Brighton.



## Brighton Dome Meerkat

 Look for the Meerkat in the lobby near the box-office.

 Stand outside the entrance and look at the arches along the front of the building. Can you spot any flower shapes? Can you see the clock? What time does it say? Is that the right time?


### Did you know?


The Brighton Dome was originally built in 1808 as the Royal Stables & Riding House by the Prince of Wales (later King George IV). The building was also used as cavalry barracks, but was then remodelled and re-opened as a concert and assembly hall in 1867.




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## Brighton Museum & Art Gallery Meerkat

 Spot the Meerkat inside the entrance lobby. When the museum is closed you can see it through the window.

 Collect a sticker from the ticket desk during opening hours.

 What colour is the cat in the entrance lobby? Is it taller than you? Stand outside the museum entrance, looking at the Pavilion. How many of the onion-shaped domes can you see?



### Did you know?


The building was built in 1873 especially for the museum. It is one of the first purpose built museums in England.

### Free admission for Brighton & Hove residents!

Admission to the museum & art gallery is free for Brighton & Hove residents and accompanying children. Each adult needs proof of Brighton & Hove residency eg driving licence, council tax/utility bill or library card. For more information see [www.brightonmuseums.org.uk](http://www.brightonmuseums.org.uk)

## Theatre Royal Brighton Meerkat

 Spy the Meerkat on the window, near the entrance.

 Help yourself to a sticker from a table in the lobby, during Box Office opening hours.

### Did you know?

Theatre Royal Brighton is one of the oldest working theatres in the country. It opened in 1807 so has been standing in New Road for 212 years!



Look at the posters, leaflets and banners outside the theatre and in the entrance area. Are there any shows you would like to see?

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## 1 Stop Travel Shop Meerkat

 Spot the Meerkat in the large entrance lobby.



Ask a member of staff about getting a sticker.



Look around at the pictures on the walls and at the posters and leaflets. What forms of transport can you see? Which one would you like to go on? Look at the material on the seats. Do you recognise it? Some of the city buses have the same material on their seats!

### busID card for children and young people aged 5-18

The busID card is free for 5-18 year olds. It gives reduced cash and mobile ticket fares on Brighton & Hove buses. You can also load tickets straight onto the card if you have an online account with Brighton & Hove Buses.

To get a busID, go with your child to the 1 Stop Travel Shop (or to 43 Conway Street, Hove, BN3 3LT). You will need to bring proof of their date of birth (Birth Certificate or Passport). 1 Stop Travel will take a photo of your child for the card. They will then print the busID card while you wait and will return your documents to you on the spot.

If your child is not with you, please bring a passport-sized photo of your child and proof of their date of birth to get a busID card.

For more information see [www.buses.co.uk/young-people](http://www.buses.co.uk/young-people)



## Middle Street Primary School Meerkat



Look for the Meerkat on the school fence on Boyce's Street, above the bike racks.



Look at the road signs on Boyce's Street. Do you know what they mean? Spot the colours of the different shops. Can you count the number of chimneys on the roofs? Can you see anything else high up?

### Did you know?

The Hippodrome on Middle Street used to be a concert venue. Both The Beatles and The Rolling Stones played there in the 1960s.

## Brighton Palace Pier Meerkat – on the Wayfinding map



Spot the Meerkat on the bottom of the Wayfinding map/sign near the entrance to the pier (look at the map on p.6-7 to see the location)



Look at the Wayfinding map. What does the circle on the map show? Can you point to where you are on the map now? Can you spot any places you have been to today, or places you might go to later?

### Did you know?

The pier opened in 1899 and was called 'Brighton Marine Palace and Pier'. It is over half a kilometre long.



## Meerkat Trail events!

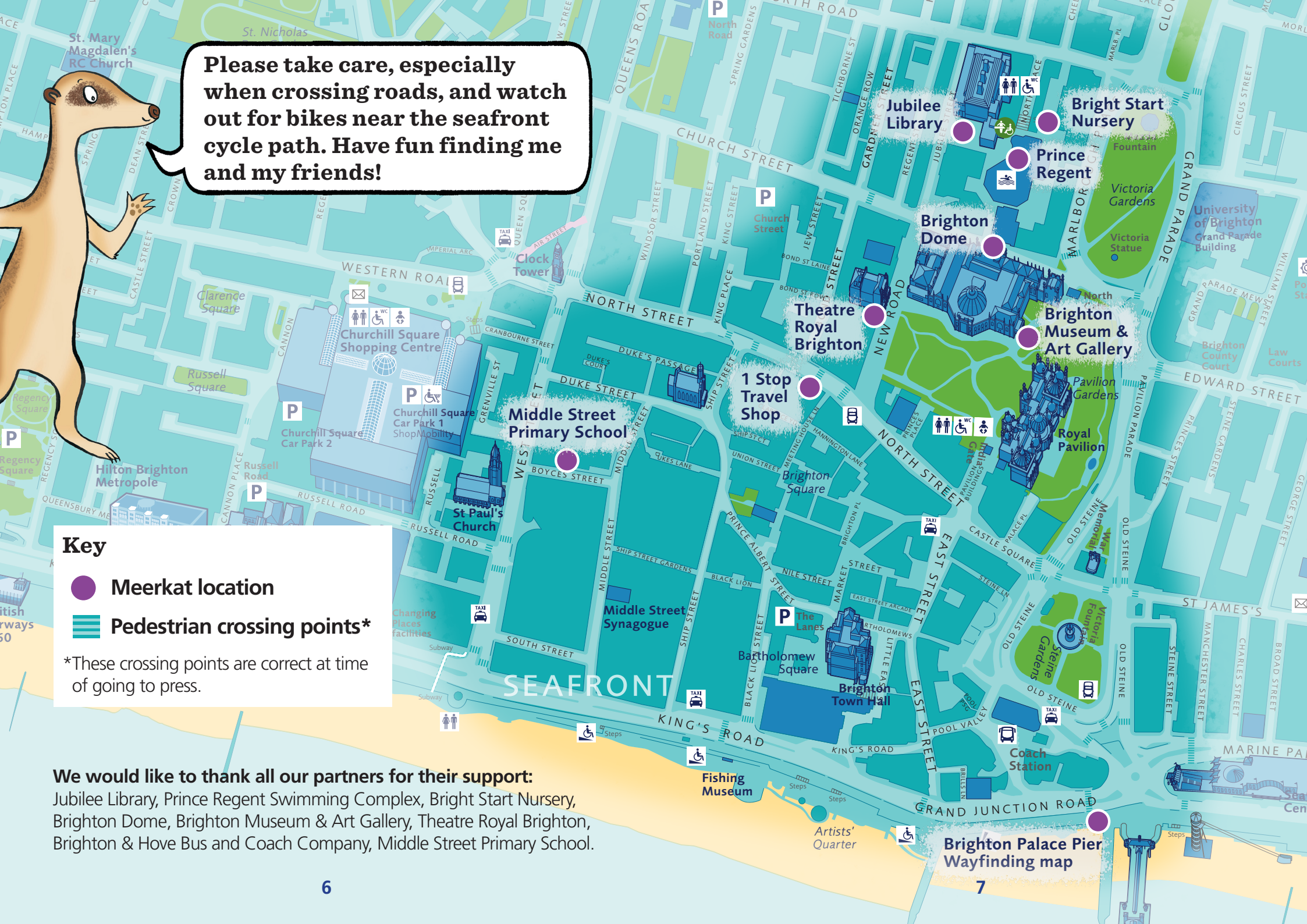
There will be events at some of the Meerkat locations in October and November. Check our Meerkats webpage for updates:

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail)





**Please take care, especially when crossing roads, and watch out for bikes near the seafront cycle path. Have fun finding me and my friends!**



**Key**

- Meerkat location
- ▨ Pedestrian crossing points\*

\*These crossing points are correct at time of going to press.

**We would like to thank all our partners for their support:**  
 Jubilee Library, Prince Regent Swimming Complex, Bright Start Nursery, Brighton Dome, Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Theatre Royal Brighton, Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company, Middle Street Primary School.

**Brighton Palace Pier Wayfinding map**

## Where and when you can see the Meerkats and collect stickers

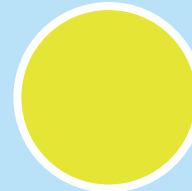
Meerkat location	When can I see the Meerkat?	Where and when can I collect a sticker from?	Opening hours
<b>Jubilee Library</b> In the Children's Library	During normal opening hours	The children's library during normal opening times	Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am-7pm Wed, Fri, Sat 10am-5pm Sunday 11am-5pm
<b>Prince Regent Swimming Complex</b> In one of the windows near the entrance	Anytime	The reception desk, during normal opening hours	Mon – Fri 6.30am-10pm Sat 9am-6pm Sun 9am-10pm
<b>Brighton Museum &amp; Art Gallery</b> In the entrance lobby	Anytime. When the museum is closed you can see it through the window	The ticket desk, during normal opening hours	Opening times: Tues - Sun 10am-5pm Closed Mon (except Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-5pm)
<b>Theatre Royal Brighton</b> In a window near the entrance	Anytime	Help yourself to one, from a table in the lobby, during Box Office opening times	Box Office opening times: Mon-Fri with a show 12pm-8pm (when no show 12pm-5pm) Sat with a show 10am-8pm (when no show 10am-5pm)
<b>1 Stop Travel Shop</b> Inside the shop	Anytime. When the shop is closed you can see it through the top of the window	Ask a member of staff to help you get a sticker	Mon-Fri 8:30am-6.30pm Sat 9am-5.30pm Sun and Bank Holidays 9.30am - 4pm

The following Meerkats **don't** have stickers, but you can see them at any time:  
**Bright Start Nursery** on the nursery garden fence  
**Brighton Dome** in the lobby near the box-office  
**Middle Street Primary School** on the school fence on Boyce's Street, above the bike racks  
**Brighton Palace Pier** on the Wayfinding sign/map

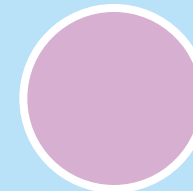
**Stick your stickers and draw your smiley faces here!**

**If any sticker location is closed, you can ask for extra stickers from another location.**

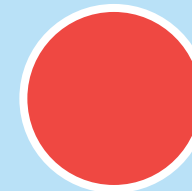
## Your Meerkat stickers



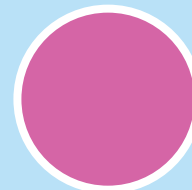
**Jubilee Library**



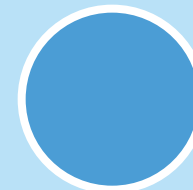
**Prince Regent Swimming Complex**



**Brighton Museum & Art Gallery**

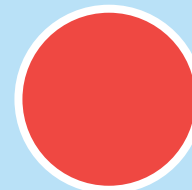


**Theatre Royal Brighton**

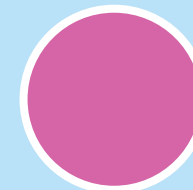


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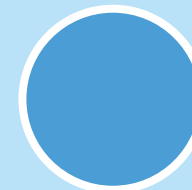
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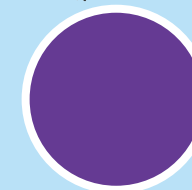
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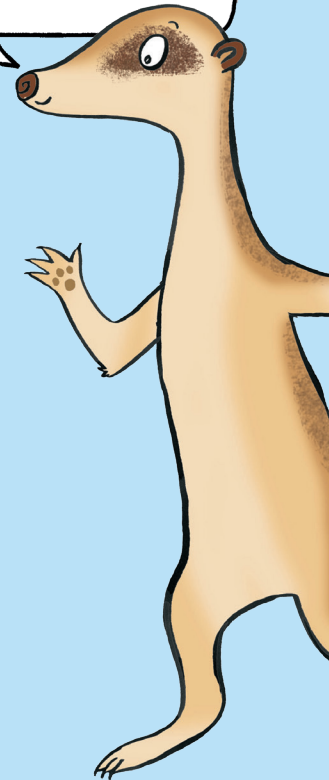
**Brighton Dome**



**Middle Street Primary School**



**Brighton Palace Pier**



Don't forget you don't have to do the trail all in one go. But if you do, allow about 1½ hours. This includes about 5 minutes in each location to answer the questions and collect your stickers or draw smiley faces.



# What are the Meerkats holding?

Jubilee Library

Prince Regent

Bright Start Nursery

Brighton Dome

Brighton Museum

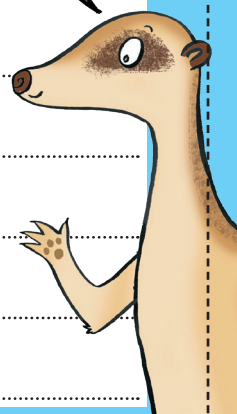
Theatre Royal Brighton

1 Stop Travel Shop

Middle Street School

Brighton Palace Pier

Write down what I am holding at each location.



For a chance to win a scooter, theatre tickets or a goody bag, please complete your details below. Then post this page or email a photo of it to the address below by 31 December 2019.

**Name**

**Email address**

**Phone number**

**What school or nursery does your child go to and which year group?**

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School Travel Team, Room G41 Ground Floor, Brighton & Hove City Council, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ

Winners will be notified by 31 January 2020

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