

What makes animals unique?

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 3 2024

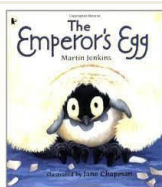
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyous Christmas break. Thank you so much for our lovely cards, messages and presents at the end of term.

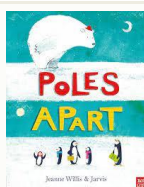
We are very excited that our new topic will be *What makes animals unique?*

We will be learning about different animals and how to group and classify them. The stories we will be using throughout the term focus on where they live.

Some of the texts we will be using for our learning are:



Instruction writing



Non-fiction



Story writing

If you would like a learning activity to complete at home this term with your child, you could choose from one of these activities:

- Have an animal story time with your child favourite book including animals.
- Can they create an animal puppet?
- How about making a fact file for your child's favourite animal.
- Can they make a collage of their animal using old magazines?



The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items that support our topic, so if anyone has any items that may help us with any of the work above that we could borrow, we would love to see them. We will have a topic-based sharing session on Monday's and Friday's.

Year 1 will be on a Monday and Year 2 will be on a Friday.

If the children do bring in objects, please name them or put them in a labelled bag.

Literacy	 <p>Instruction writing</p>	 <p>Non-fiction</p>	 <p>Story writing</p>
Maths	<p>Place Value and + -</p> 	<p>Money</p> 	<p>Statistics</p> 
Science	<p>Investigations</p> 	<p>Animals including humans</p> 	<p>Questioning</p> 
Geography		<p>Animals around the world</p> 	
Music	 <p>Exploring Percussion</p>		
ICT	<p>E-Safety</p> 		<p>Questioning</p> 
PSHE		<p>Hopes and dreams</p>	

DT		Clay and salt dough	
RE		Islam 	

Home Learning

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week . When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the reading record book</u> . During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2. The children will be bringing home a library book alongside their reading book to share with you each week and changed on a Monday . This might be one they can read themselves but they might choose it as a book for sharing time with an adult at home.
Phonics (y1)	The children will continue to bring home a phonics sheet with the words, sentences and spellings they will have learn the previous week. Please ask your children to read the sounds and words on these sheets to you. They can form part of their weekly reading logs at home and can be recorded in their reading record books.
Maths/ grammar (y2)	Year 1 and 2 will be continuing with their maths CPG books, these are due in on a Friday and sent home on a Monday. We will be starting the spring term activities. Year 2 will continue completing their spelling/grammar books, these are due in on a Friday and sent home on a Monday.

Useful information and reminders:

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day. We use their books daily so these need to be placed in a box in the mornings.
- The children will need a **named coat, hat and gloves** in school as the weather starts to get colder and wetter.
- Our PE days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays** so please send your child into school in their PE on these days.

Jars:

In term 3, Beech class will be learning about dreams and goals in PSHE.

We would like to make dream jars with the children.

We would be grateful if you could please send your child into school with a clean glass jar with a lid by Friday 19th January.

We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Mackarness and Mrs Wilkinson