

## 'Meerkat Mail'

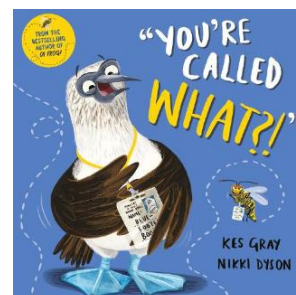
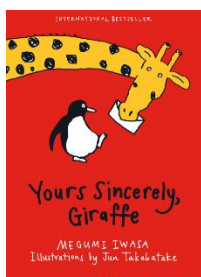
# Chestnuts Class Newsletter Term 4 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children thoroughly enjoyed Term 3 and learning about the Great Fire of London. We are sure you have also learnt lots from your curious children, and we have even seen some wonderful work they have chosen to complete at home and bring in to share with their peers.

This term we will be starting our new topic 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be exploring all things to do with animals and comparing them to humans. We will be looking further into our continents, as well as oceans, exploring spreadsheets in computing and much, much more! We are all very excited to get the ball rolling with our learning, by kicking off the topic with a class trip to Drusillas Zoo!

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





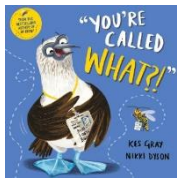

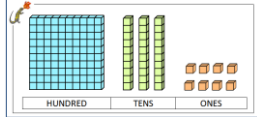




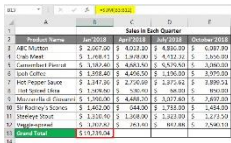




### Questions to ask at home:

- Can you remember the continent song?
- What ocean surrounds the UK?
- What is a mammal?
- Which animals can you name that are fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals?
- Can you discuss differences between animals and humans?
- What is a spreadsheet used for? Can you make one on your computer at home?
- Can you recall the Easter story?

### Encouraged (but not mandatory) Home Learning Tasks:

- Make a map of the world using different resources – paint, playdoh, drawing, Lego, collage
- Compare the seasons and the changes that you see happening outside
- Make an Easter inspired craft
- Make an animal from recycled materials
- Measure things around your home – using a table to record your results

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-focused activities and group work.

Literacy Information Narrative Recount			
Maths	Multiplication 	Number and place value 	Measurement 
Science	Animals 		
Geography	Continents 	Oceans 	
ICT	Spreadsheets 		
RE	Christianity 	Easter 	
Art and DT	Collage 		
PSHE	Healthy Me 		

## Home Learning

<b>Reading</b>	Please read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's yellow reading record.
<b>Phonics Year 1 (and some year 2)</b>	Children in year one will carry out a phonics screening check (set by the government) in June 2023. The 'pass mark' for this screening is 32 out of 40. Any children who do not achieve the 32 will need to take it again in year two. Please ensure you are doing everything you can to support your child with their phonics. Little Wandle home learning packs are available online for roughly £5, but there is also a wealth of free support on YouTube. The BBC also offer many free phonics games on their website.
<b>Maths</b>	By the time children leave Key Stage One (i.e. Year 2) they should ideally be fluent in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Building this fluency will aid children as they progress through to Key Stage 2, notably in aspects such as telling the time. It would be great if you could help your child practice these times tables to support their learning.

## Useful Websites to support learning

Purple Mash (please ask if you need a reminder of your child's login details)

<https://youtu.be/K6DSMZ8b3LE> Continent song

<https://youtu.be/Wnbo2AmS3OI> Easter story

'Free school' on YouTube for interesting videos on animals targeted for children

## Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- **Please can you make sure your child's uniform has their name inside.**
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE is on **Monday** and **Friday**; your child can continue to come to school in their named PE kit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hudd and Mrs Foot