

'Meerkat Mail'

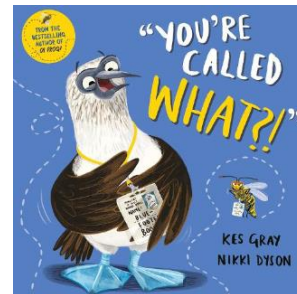
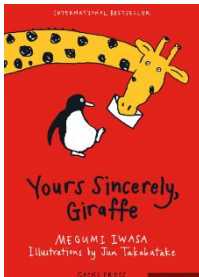
Cherry Class Newsletter Term 4 2023

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed term 3 and learning about the Great Fire of London. We are sure you have learnt lots from your amazing children, and we have seen some of the wonderful work they have chosen to complete at home and brought 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, looking further into our continents, as well as oceans, exploring spreadsheets in computing and much, much more!

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?

Home Learning Tasks

You could have a go at some of these at home:

- Make a map of the world using different resources – paint, playdoh, drawing, Lego
- Compare the seasons and the changes that see happening
- Make an Easter craft
- Make an animal from recyclable 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.

Home Learning

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please ensure it is signed and dated, with the number of minutes that the child has read for included. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday and counting the minutes for reading miles! Children in Year 1 (and some children in Year 2) are using Little Wandle books, a new one is sent home each week. The aim is that by the end of the week your child can read this book fluently without sounding out. 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. Children who are not reading Little Wandle books (Purple Band and above) can change their reading books, within their book band, at any time from our class library.
Phonics & Spelling	Spellings or Phonics tasks will be given out each week and will be reviewed on Fridays. Please practise these words with your child at home.
Maths	Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home. Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables. When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, Year 2 children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables. BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h

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

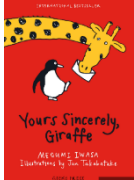

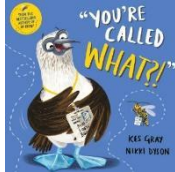

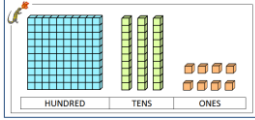








'Free school' on YouTube for interesting videos on animals targeted for children

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Please ensure your child's jumper has their name inside.
- The children will need to have a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable.
- Our PE session with Mr D is on Monday morning, but PE kits should be in every day as we sometimes have other active sessions throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs King and Mrs Pike

<p>Literacy Information Narrative Recount</p>				
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Multiplication</p> 	<p>Number and place value</p> 		<p>Measurement</p> 
<p>Science</p>	<p>Animals</p> 			
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Continents</p> 	<p>Oceans</p> 		
<p>ICT</p>	<p>Spreadsheets</p> 			
<p>RE</p>	<p>Christianity</p> 	<p>Easter</p> 		
<p>Art and DT</p>	<p>Painting skills and artists</p> 			
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Healthy Me</p> 