

What makes animals unique?

Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 3 2024

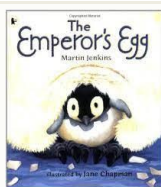
Dear Cherry Class Families,

Happy New Year!

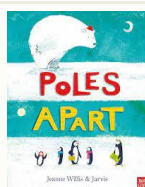
We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break. We are very much looking forward to this term's learning. In Term 3 we are exploring the question; '**What makes an animal unique?**' To begin we will be using poetry to help us creatively capture some of the uniqueness of animals.

We will be learning about different animals **what** they are like and **where** they live. We will also be identifying characteristics of animals and grouping these accordingly.

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.
- Could they make a diorama with their favourite animal's habitat?
- 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 'show and tell' weekly on a Thursday, see below the slot for your child.

Week 2 Friday 12th January- Year 1 boys


Week 3 Friday 19th January – Year 2 girls







Week 4 Friday 26th January – Year 1 girls

Week 5 Friday 2nd February – Year 2 boys

'What makes animals unique?' Learning Map Term 3 2022

What are we learning this term?

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

PSHE		Hopes and dreams	
DT		Clay and salt dough	
RE		Islam	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>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 acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the reading record book.</u></p> <p>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. Little Wandle Phonics books will be changed every Friday. If your child does not return the previous weeks book, they will not be sent home with a change of book the next week. Beyond this, children will be on a coloured reading phase and can change these as frequently as they need to.</p>
Phonics	<p>Spellings will be given out at the start of each term - Please practice these words with your child at home in their spelling book. These will then be tested in school and scores will be written in the book at the end of the week for you to see.</p> <p>A maths overview of our learning will also be given out. Please use this to reinforce what we have been learning with your child.</p> <p>An overview of the phonics being taught will also be sent home. This will outline the phonemes and graphemes we have taught. Please practice these with your child.</p>
Maths	<p>For Maths Home learning please use your times table rockstars login and get practicing!</p>

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 as they come into the classroom.
- 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 **Monday and Fridays** so please send your child into school in their PE on these days.

Can we also remind you that we don't allow children to bring toys into school, this term we have had a few children upset when these have been put away during the school. It is difficult to label cuddly toys and plastic toys, we have plenty of resources in the classroom and at playtimes for the children to use, so therefore we are asking that these stay at home.

Jars:

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

We would like to make dream jars with the children next week (after they were inspired by watching a clip from the BFG).

We would be grateful if you could please send your child into school with a glass jar with a lid next Tuesday (Tuesday 9th January 2024)

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 Pike, Mrs Fry and Mrs Nevill