

## Term 3 Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Puffins and Swans

This term our topic is 'Amazing Animals'. Our story focus is 'Owl Babies'.

We will be learning the story and signs to help us tell the story.

Here is a link to 'Owl Babies' to listen to at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFHo&ab\\_channel=WendyStafford](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFHo&ab_channel=WendyStafford)

We will be looking at information books about owls and nocturnal animals.

In Literacy we will be exploring the difference between a question and a statement and asking questions about animals.

In art we will be exploring different paint techniques and collage to make owls. We will be building on our sketching skills to draw owls. We will also be using clay and Modroc to make models. We will be looking at artists that make sculptures.

We will be looking at globes and atlases to find different countries and to find out where different animals live. We will be thinking about hot and cold countries and which animals live there. We will be exploring how life is different in these places.

We are going to be talking about the seasons, how they change and what is special about Winter. We will be looking about what has changed in our outside area as the weather has become colder.

When we returned to school we talked about how we celebrated Christmas and New Year. We looked at the new month and year and about when the year changes. We will be going on to learn about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and discussing ways that are similar and different to how we celebrated New Year.

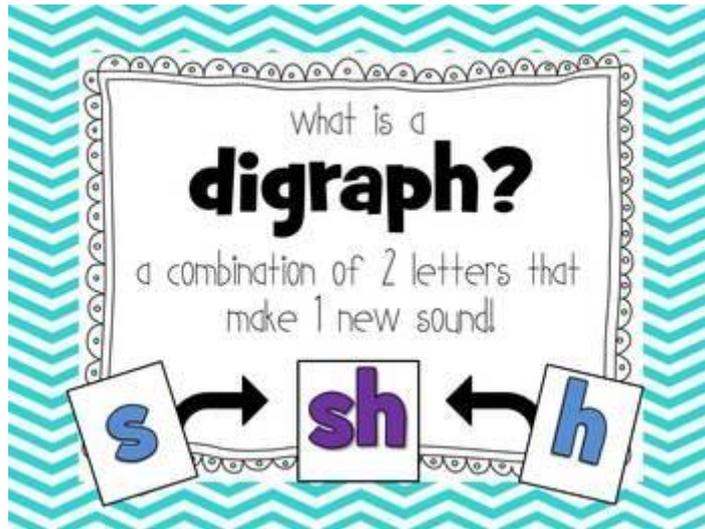
In Music we will be exploring musical stories. Our Jigsaw (PSHE) topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. Our PE focus is Dance. PE will continue to be on Thursdays and children will need to come to school in their PE kit

We will also be continuing with our daily phonics and maths sessions, listening to a range of stories, information books, poems and rhymes. We will have 2 new poems to learn which we will share with you.

As the weather will continue to get colder, this is a reminder to send children in with clothing suitable for spending periods of time outside. Many children have been telling us they feel cold at lunchtime because they don't have a hat and gloves with them. It would also be really helpful for children to have waterproof trousers in school. Please make sure children always have plenty of spare clothes in school to change into if they get wet, muddy or for toileting accidents.



Thank you for continuing to send reading packs into school each day. We hope you can see an improvement in your child's reading. We are very proud of the progress they are making. As we have reached Phase 3 in phonics most children will now be bringing home red books, which will contain the digraphs that we have learnt. We will be sending home information about which digraphs the children have been learning weekly so you can reinforce this learning at home. Asking your child to 'teach you' the digraphs will help them to learn.



Please listen to your children read as often as possible, ideally every day. It doesn't need to be the whole book - reading 3 or 4 pages every day will help your child develop confidence and fluency in their reading. It is so important to develop reading skills early on as research shows that good reading skills impact positively in all areas of learning.

This link shows you how to say each letter sound correctly - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5\\_Em0BHQ&ab\\_channel=LettersandSoundsforHomeandSchool](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Em0BHQ&ab_channel=LettersandSoundsforHomeandSchool)

We are also learning letter names and the children are really enjoying this song at the moment - [Alphabet Song - ABC Song UK ZED Version! Learn the Alphabet, British English ABC Songs - YouTube](#)

We are looking forward to another exciting and busy term!

Miss Tierney, Mrs Stanley and the Reception Team