

## FS1 CURRICULUM NEWS SPRING 1 2023

### Theme: What do animals look like?

Children will explore the environment around them also looking at seasonal changes. They will learn the names of different animals/ prehistoric animals, their characteristics and their habitats. We will be focusing on penguins when we learn about Antarctica and Winter, we will look at African animals through the story of Handa's Surprise and we will also learn about animals from the past such as dinosaurs.



#### Words to learn this half term:

Winter, cold, freezing, penguin, polar bear, ice, frost, snow, frozen, melt, icicles, Chinese New Year, Chinese dragon, lion, dragons, chop sticks, celebration, dinosaur, drum, beat, stomp, roar, scales, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Diplodocus, Triceratops, Stegosaurus, sound, and hear.

#### Stories

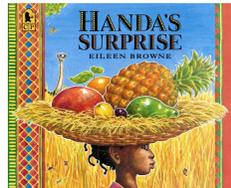
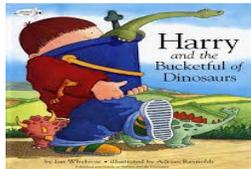
During the half term many of the activities and learning experiences offered will be focussed around some of the following stories:

**Brave Little Penguin**

**Busy Penguins**

**Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs**

**Handa's Surprise**



#### Maths

This half term we will be developing number and counting skills; recognising numbers to 5, counting out of a group and using 1:1 correspondence when counting. For example, there are 5 oranges, your child will touch each one as they count and find out how many there are. We will continue to subitise to 3 and say how many there are without counting. We will also begin to look at different ways to make 5, such as 1 + 4 and 2 + 3. We will explore 2D shapes, naming them and describing them.

#### Songs and Rhymes

Children love to sing and dance. Please help your child to learn this rhyme and help support their number recognition and sequencing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV6iC34a46w>

#### Useful Apps



Reading Eggs

Meet the Alphablocks (Free)

Teach Your Monster to Read

Topmarks website

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>



#### **Please remember:**

- To email any photographs or videos of your child learning and having fun at home. [nursery@cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk)
- To bring your book bag every day.
- To write your **child's name** inside their uniform.
- To bring a warm coat, hat and scarf to school, as the weather is now much colder.
- To have a look at our school website for the school holiday list and other useful information [www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk)
- Home learning is given out every Thursday and your child gets a sticker for completing a section
- PE is on a Friday. Please send your child into school that day wearing black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms, a white t shirt, school sweatshirt and trainers. **Earrings must be removed!**