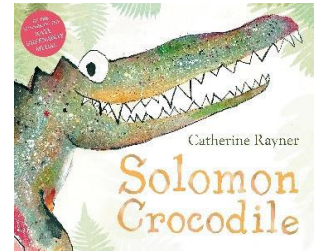


Dear Parents



In the Autumn 2 we will be learning all about animals. In English, we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction books about animals. We will be learning the different features of poems, non-fiction information texts and fiction stories. The books we will be using are “One Day on Our Blue Planet...in the Savannah” by Ella Bailey and “Solomon Crocodile” by Catherine Rayner.



We will be continuing to focus on writing a sentence with a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end. We will be learning how to make our writing more interesting by using questions and exclamations. We will be learning about the different features of poems, non-fiction information writing and story writing. We will also be learning about singular and plural nouns.

The website Espresso has many videos to help explain these to your child and the links are below. Your child has already been given his/ her own password for this website.

1. How to structure a sentence:

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/videos/cc65b5e5-1815-4e48-a91d-d11b24a79705>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/b09a3dc4-2e93-447c-8300-b00215370570>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/d6a3ff43-7a53-4e98-9021-aed1c2921d3d>

2. Using the conjunction “and” to join two sentences together:

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/be8859b2-68b5-415a-a922-fa900890c16e>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/bc1cfef0-d0ef-469d-83c3-08f965ceabfc>

3. Sequencing ideas

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/9f7be62e-0750-4896-aef9-4829b365d1ac>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/00ccba4c-c37e-4704-81fb-5b57b282e8a0>

4. Using finger spaces

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/b11a3e6d-ef29-4671-8e69-cc18c51acd29>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6b4c604d-6216-40ee-9d62-caa9ae4da4ee>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/1d4b8dab-2d70-461d-a5c3-185ec3155ce5>

5. Capital letters and full stops

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/e209e37b-70f8-4c2d-925f-78eadee6ea49>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6083abfa-6e0d-4941-86f5-0bc8d62e4970>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6adc945d-925c-45fc-acc7-c4da347cfd90>

6. Adding “s” and “es” to make plurals

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/2e08a2e1-34d5-4a77-bb16-33efefce23d3>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/d023ecdc-747a-46ca-9a0c-dfd2664ebdd9>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/8ecf6f79-f7a9-4d1d-bd37-f00cdc08e411>

7. Using question marks and exclamation marks

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/09e527b5-0603-4d9d-a001-e60742bbb08c>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/76355a8f-e20e-47a2-9251-a8a5d727037c>

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/d8f6e31a-8c80-4626-b850-d7c31ea65579>

Some of the vocabulary in our texts might be new to your child so please help him/her with learning to understand these words:

Bugs - pesters	Savannah – a large grassy area of land with few trees	Lioness – a female lion	Cub – a baby lion
Den – an animal's home	Pride – a group of lions	Stalking – quietly hunting another animal	Prey – an animal that is hunted by another animal for food
Peaceful – quiet and calm	Bank of the river – the land right next to the river	Croak – a sound made by a frog	Trouble/pest/nuisance /pain – something that is annoying
Bulrushes – a tall brown plant that grows at the side of the river	Charges -runs at	Stork – a very tall long legged bird	Squawk – a loud noise made by a bird

We continue to use **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised)** phonics scheme to teach your child phonics. The Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised) website has lots of really helpful information about the phonemes that we teach in Year1 with videos showing how to pronounce all of the different sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This really helpful link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw has videos of lessons teaching all the phonemes in the order that they are taught. Look for Autumn Term Year 1 lessons, select Play All and then scroll down to Lesson 1.

Also find below another useful link to the Espresso website which with games and activities which will help the children with learning all the phonic sounds that they need to know by the end of Year 1 (Phase 5 Letters and Sounds):

https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/channels/channel/88a51a48-587e-4fef-af49-b069191cdd77?embed=false&embed_origin=false

We will be assessing the children this term on reading and writing the first 100 high frequency words. The children need to know how to read and write these by the end of Year 1. Please help your child to practise reading and spelling these words. Please find below a link to Espresso which will help them with reading and spelling these words:

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/search?q=high%20frequency%20words>

Many thanks

Year 1 team