

## We will be learning:

In Science, we will learn more about the life cycles of animals, looking specifically at penguins. We will also learn more about animals and their habitats.

In Art, we will be looking at mixed media work from established artists. We will then make our own pieces, inspired by our core story.

In PE, we will be working on balancing and performing, practising our gymnastics skills.

In RE, we will be thinking about the question—why are symbols and artefacts important to some people?

In Computing, we will be creating media using digital writing. We will be familiarising ourselves with the keyboard and learning how to change text.

In History we will be looking at a polar explorer and naturalist as a significant individual, and finding out more about his life.

In Geography we will be learning some key words to describe Antarctica. We will also start to learn the names of the continents and oceans.

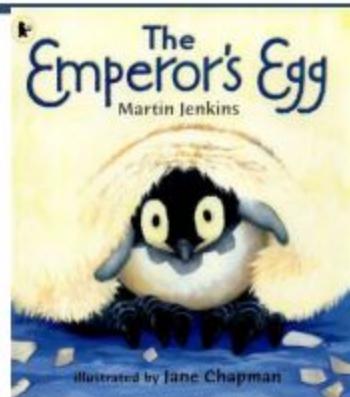
In Music we will be composing pieces in response to a the stimulus of our core story.

## Key Stage One Overview – Spring 1

### Our core story is:

#### The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins

Please do not read this at home with your child until the end of the half term so your child can enjoy hearing the story unfold in class.



### At home you could:

- Go to the library, choose books to read for pleasure and talk about the books together
- Learn number bonds to ten and twenty and the associated subtraction facts
- Read daily at home with your child and talk about what you have read
- Find out more about polar landscapes, in particular Antarctica

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### Key English skills for your child:

- Recognising and blending with all phase 5 graphemes alternative pronunciations.
- Starting each sentence with a capital letter and ending it with the correct punctuation.
- Writing clearly with correct letter formation with the writing sitting on the lines
- When reading, answering questions about what has happened and why.

### Key Maths skills for your child:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to 50 or 100
- partitioning a two digit number into tens and ones
- Adding or subtracting single-digit numbers
- Adding a two-digit number and ones, or a two-digit number and tens
- Knowing number bonds to 10, and then number bonds to 20
- Learning to recognise the values of different coins and notes.

## Key Knowledge

We would like you to discuss this key vocabulary with your child as we go through the half term.

Antarctica	The South Pole. Antarctica is a cold desert because it hardly ever rains.
life cycle	A life cycle is <b>the journey of a living thing from beginning to end</b>
hatch	A female bird lays an egg with a baby bird inside. The egg hatches when the baby bird comes out.
Easter	Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates <b>Jesus</b> rising from the dead, three days after he was killed on the cross.
horizon	The line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet
continent	A <b>continent</b> is a large solid area of land. Earth has seven <b>continents</b> .
ocean	An ocean is a <b>huge body of salt water</b> . Oceans cover nearly 71 percent of Earth's surface .
explorer	A person who finds out about a new or unfamiliar area .
mixed media	A variety of methods and materials used in a work of art

Phase 5 phonemes:

ELS Learning Letters and Sounds

PHASE 5

ay	ou	ie	ea
oy	ir	ue	aw
wh	ph	ew	oe
au	ey	a-e	e-e
i-e	o-e	u-e	c

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