

**Dear Parents,**

In Summer 2, Elm class will be looking at imaginative stories and poetry in English.

Elm Year 1 pupils will explore the topic of 'Creatures Big and Small', from big wild animals to tiny minibeasts and we will be reading, 'We All Went on Safari' by Laurie Krebs, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and 'Mad About Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae. Pupils will retell, role play and sequence the stories and begin to write simple captions and phrases.



Elm Year 2 and 3 pupils will be reading, 'The BFG', by Roald Dahl and the poem, 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. Pupils will explore these texts and begin to write their own versions. These are imaginative and fantasy fictions which will motivate the pupils when they write character descriptions. Pupils will develop their use of conjunctions to extend sentences and use expanded noun phrases to describe with commas in lists.



The website **BBC Bitesize** has many videos and activities to help explain the skills your child needs to continue to practice are below. Please speak to **Ms Pack** if you need further support with this:

How to structure a sentence: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7s3p4j/articles/zvcxjsg>

Using the conjunction "and" to join two sentences together:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmqtnrd>

Choosing the correct tense:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr/articles/z3dbg82>

Adding suffixes "ing", "ed", "er" to words

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8m.xrwx/articles/zwgbcwx>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8m.xrwx/articles/z66nv82>

Adding suffixes "er" and "est" to words:

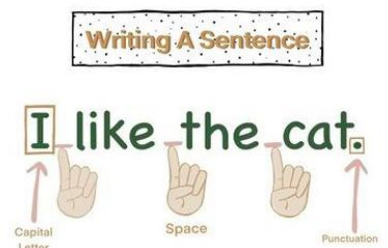
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Adding "s" and "es" to make plurals:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3dw4xs>

Using capital letters for pronoun "I" and for names

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8x6cj6/articles/zj7dcmn>



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A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Phonics - Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised). The Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised) website has lots of really helpful information about the phonemes that we teach in Elm, with videos showing how to pronounce all of the different sounds.

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

Look for **Summer Term (Reception / Year 1) lessons**, select Play All and then scroll down to Lesson 1. We have sent some phonics revision home to practise daily with your child.

At the start of the term, we will be revising all phonemes/graphemes taught to be ready for the Year 1 phonics screen testing the week beginning 9th June for the relevant pupils.

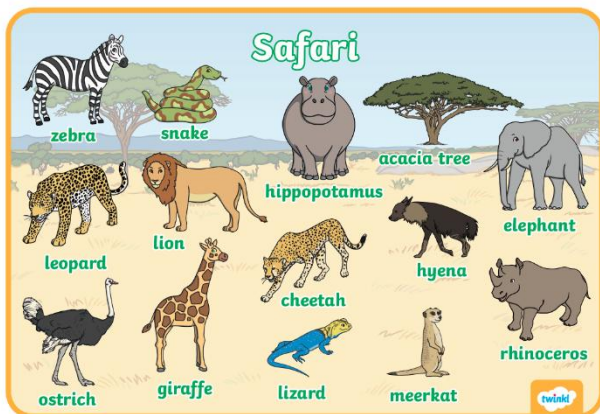
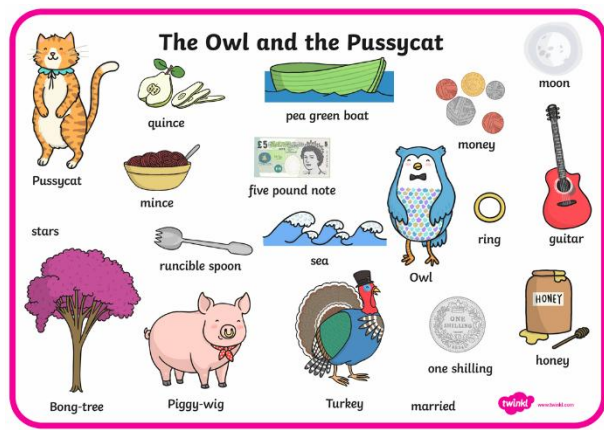
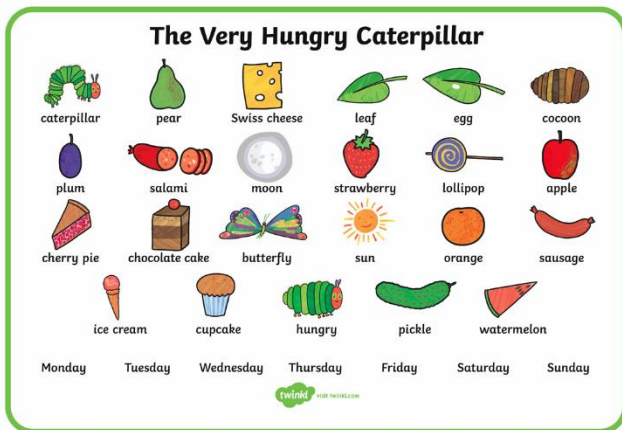
The government website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonicscreening-check-information-for-parents> has some useful information about the phonics screening check as does this website <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/> which also has lots of activities to help with practising reading.

The Owl and the Pussy-cat: Explore the text:  
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43188/the-owl-and-the-pussy-cat>

Youtube link to the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpwAP36-w7E>

The BFG: Explore the text: <https://online.flipbuilder.com/fdyv/kzse/>

Many thanks, Elm Class Team



ROALD DAHL  
THE BFG

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| big-eared  | caring       | cloaked     | clumsy    |
| collector  | considerate  | courageous  | creative  |
| curious    | dreams       | friendly    | generous  |
| gentle     | gigantic     | good        | helpful   |
| heroic     | honest       | imaginative | inventive |
| kind       | kind-hearted | lanky       | lonely    |
| lovely     | loyal        | patient     | polite    |
| protective | quick        | quirky      | swift     |

