

Dear Parents/Carers

Within the Early Years it is important that children are aware of what makes an effective learner. Throughout the year we will be encouraging the children to develop these skills. To make the '**Characteristics of Effective Learning**' fun and easy to remember, we have given them animal names. We will be referring to these in class on a regular basis and encourage you to do the same at home! Attached to this letter are details of these animals alongside a long term plan which displays our focus animals for each half term.

Playing and Exploring - Engagement

Exploring Elephants



I am an explorer.

I Know Rhino



I play with what I know.

Go For It Gorilla



I will have a go.

Active Learning - Motivation

Concentrating Crocodile



I join in and concentrate.

Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.

Proud Peacock



I am proud of what I do.

Creating and Thinking Critically

Creative Chameleon



I have my own ideas.

Slinky Linky Snake















I can make links.

Choosing Chimp



I choose ways to do things.

'Characteristics of Effective Learning' Long Term Overview

<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finding out and exploring ➤ Playing with what they know <p>Animal Links:</p> <div> <div> <p>Exploring Elephants</p>  <p>I am an explorer.</p> </div> <div> <p>I Know Rhino</p>  <p>I play with what I know.</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Being willing to 'have a go' ➤ Keeping trying <p>Animal Links:</p> <div> <div> <p>Go For It Gorilla</p>  <p>I will have a go.</p> </div> <div> <p>Persevering Parrot</p>  <p>I keep trying.</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Being involved and concentrating ➤ Enjoying achieving what they set out to do <p>Animal Links:</p> <div> <div> <p>Concentrating Crocodile</p>  <p>I join in and concentrate.</p> </div> <div> <p>Proud Peacock</p>  <p>I am proud of what I do.</p> </div> </div>
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