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| updated logo Squirrels Class Medium Term Planning for **English Spring Term 2023** |

**Topic: Poles Apart**

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| **Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers** | First week back settling in. Discussing our holidays and new year resolutions.Bingo game to reinforce new topic vocabulary. |
| Sequence the story | Explore the book and it’s parts (front cover, back cover, pages, title) | Handwriting focus – earth themed |
| **Chinese New Year** | Lunar New Year story. Listen and sequence as a group. Use of time language e.g. first/second/third/last | Year of the rabbit. Create/write a fact sentence: It is the year of the rabbit. | Animal hunt outdoors – children to complete a tick list when they find the pictures. |
| **One Day on our Blue Planet… in the Antarctic by Ella Bailey** | Listen to story and discuss it. | Highlight adjectives in an extract | Write adjectives on an illustration from the book. |
| Match words or sentences to story illustrations. | 10 things I Would Take to the Antarctic – create a list | 10 things I Would Take to the Antarctic – complete list |
| **Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson**  | Listen to story and sequence words and/or pictures. | Write about the beginning of the story. | Write about the middle of the story. |
| Write about the end of the story. | Focus on rhyme – children to complete sentences verbally | Match adjectives to photos of sea creatures and shells. |
| **Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae** | Listen to story and discuss it.Match rhyming words. | Rhyming word focus | Write some animal sounds e.g. hiss, squawk, croak |
| Write a speech bubble for the monkey. | Compare the setting to a previous story. | Animal themed mark-making pattern and handwriting practice. |
| **Mad about Minibeasts by Giles Andreae** | Listen to story – go on a minibeast hunt (pictures of characters) to practice vocabulary. | Match adjectives to minibeasts. | Write or complete a sentence to describe a minibeast. |
| Match rhyming words. | Rhyming word focus | Listen to and follow 2/3/4 part instructions to colour in a minibeast picture. |
| **Easter** | Write an Easter card. | Listen to and follow 2/3/4 part instructions to colour in an Easter picture. | We will write about Easter. |