



17th January 2025

Dear Families

We had a lovely surprise when we took years 5 & 6 swimming for the first time this year. Wow their swimming has really come on a treat! We will be focussing on refining their swimming technique over the rest of the term. There was a competition for the fastest to somersault then stand up - well done to Oscar, the worthy winner!

Our good friend Caroline Amos came in this week to host a special assembly. The children learned the importance of helping those in need.

On Monday Miss Ferguson will be away updating her First Aid skills (we hope she will never need to use them!) so Mr Hooper will be with Choughs. As you know, Mr Hooper likes to get the children outside whenever possible, so make sure to bring in suitable clothes - and spares!

Our move back to St Levan is getting nearer - please remember that the INSET days were moved, so Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February are not school days. We are sure you will find something just as fun to do instead!

### **Fantastic Opportunity!**

We are thrilled to announce that we have advertised for a Kitchen Manager / Cook in Charge to whip up some culinary delights in our newly fitted out kitchen in St Levan. Full information can be found on our website:

[St Levan Primary School - Vacancies](#)

Please do pass on this information to anyone who may be interested.

### **Stars of the Week**

Choughs: Hettie - for such fabulous positivity and an outstanding work ethic in everything you do. Bravo!

Puffins: Flora - for varying your sentence lengths in interesting and exciting ways in our instruction writing - well done!

### **Attendance (Year To Date)**

**93%**

Choughs = 92%

Puffins = 93%

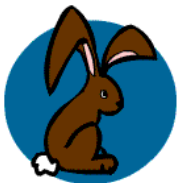
# Chinese Zodiac Animals

This week, we've been learning about which animals of the Chinese zodiac we are. As we have a wonderful spread of ages in Choughs, we have a wide range of animals including rats, pigs, dogs, roosters and a couple of monkeys (no surprises there!). We designed bookmarks with the animals' traits, lucky colours and birth years.

In Science, we then had a go at categorising these animals into groups based on their diet:

**Carnivore** **herbivore** **omnivore**

And features:



mammals



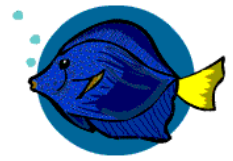
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birds



amphibians



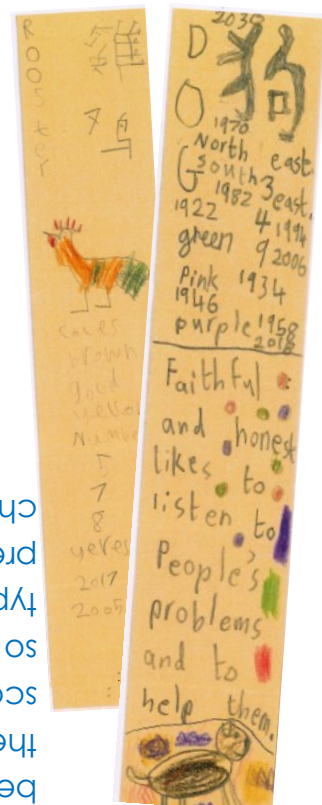
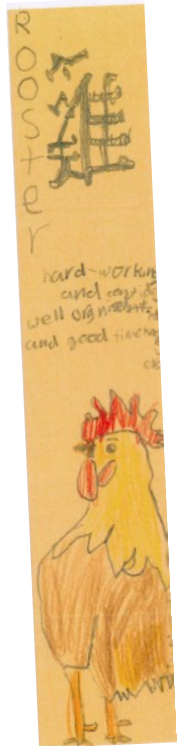
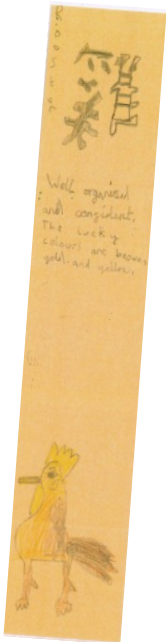
fish

We're getting pretty good at this but a couple of animals caught us out in our animal quiz! See how you get on!

1. What type of animal is a pangolin?
2. Is a giant panda a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore?

Answers at the bottom of the page!

We were convinced that a pangolin must be a reptile because of its scaly skin but pangolins are actually the only mammal to be completely covered in scales! Giant pandas are famous for eating bamboo so surely they're a herbivore? But no. Like many other types of bear, giant pandas are omnivorous. They eat predominantly bamboo but will eat meat given the chance!



# "Mummies Made Easy!"

Last week, the Puffins dove into the fascinating world of mummification, learning all about the ancient process. This week, they put their newfound knowledge to the test by writing creative instructions for making their own mummies. With imaginations in overdrive, the results range from ghastly gore to surprisingly detailed!

Along the way, they've also discovered the deeper significance of mummification to the ancient Egyptians, the reasons behind rituals like the mouth ceremony and the trials they believed the body would face on its journey to the afterlife - plus the careful steps

## How to preserve your dead hamster.

Have you ever been in a situation where you have said, "Oh gosh, there's a hamster plague going round, what will I do with all these bodies?" Have you ever wondered what you need to do to stop your dead hamster from decaying: from maggots munching on its corpse, from it not going to the after life? What would you do if you had to remove the lungs, the stomach, the liver and the intestines - and put them in canopic jars - without spilling blood every where?

Not interested? Think I'm

some crazy person trying to sell you something

(just gonna stop reading); well tough, I mean.

to tell you about mummification; it is a hard process that you will use to treat your dead hamster, it involves taking organs out, (gore) and pulling brain out of noses.

This guide will show

you everything you

need to do to be a hamster

embalmer - because who

doesn't want to brag about it in their

CV? We'll make sure you do the

right steps so you don't accidentally

mummify your self. So stock up

your cupboard with salt, linen, and

loads of stuff I can't remember...

What could go wrong? Lets go!

What you will need:

• A willing hamster (preferably a deceased

one);

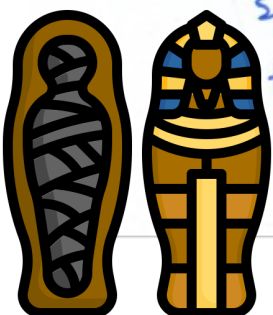
• some natron salt;

• enough linen to wrap a small house (or a bit less

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• some nice spices;

• more natron salt, lots more.

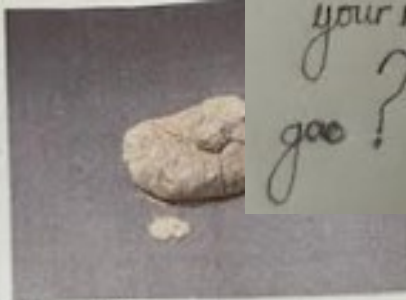




Have you ever wondered:  
"How do I mummify this dead  
body that just appeared in front of  
me?"

Have you ever pondered how to  
stop someone from rotting away  
after death: from dissolving into  
your new carpet, from rotting into  
goo?

Dry it out;



Cover some of her body in natron salt.  
The body is dry as a desert; it works with  
none of the water. Leave it for 40 days like  
a long train trip. Take out her liver, put it in  
someone. Pile it as high as a mountain!  
Do something while it dries out.  
Remove the organs;  
Unfortunately, the organs will begin to rot.  
It will cause a smell. It will kill off the  
embalmer! You must next eviscerate the  
body. You could take them out of the  
stomach and place it in a jar with liver,  
lungs and the intestines. The heart is the  
root of memory.  
Add some flair: make it human again  
Once the perfumed body is complete,  
anoint the body with resin oils to soften  
the skin and stop the smell.

