

Bees Reading Weekly Plan – 01/03/21

Is this the world's smallest reptile news article – Issue 270 The Week Junior

Scientists have discovered a new chameleon that they think could be the world's smallest reptile. The chameleon, which is around the size of a sunflower seed, was found in the rainforests of Madagascar, a large island of the eastern coast of Africa.

Researchers found two members of the species - one male and one female. The chameleons were spotted during an expedition in 2012 but the results of the scientific study into them were only recently released.

The tiny creatures are known as *Brookesia nana*, and are also referred to as nano-chameleons. They are so small that they can stand on the tip of a person's finger. The animal is not the smallest vertebrate (an animal with a backbone) - there are certain frogs that are even tinier, but they are amphibians, not reptiles. The amazing find has made scientists question how small it is possible for vertebrates to be.

Nano chameleons cannot change colour like other chameleons but it does have the typical tongue that shoots out of its mouth to catch its prey. Researchers say the chameleons should be listed as critically endangered. This is because the rainforest where they live is at risk of being chopped down to make way for building or farming.



	Opening task	Follow Up					
Monday Vocabulary development & Familiarisation	Skim the text. Can you quickly find the following words? <table><tr><td>chopped</td><td>tinier</td><td>spotted</td><td>catch</td><td>expedition</td></tr></table> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Write the words and their meanings.Write 3 synonyms (words which mean the same).	chopped	tinier	spotted	catch	expedition	Complete 3 out of these 6 stem sentences: <ol style="list-style-type: none">I know this text is about...I found this text....I like this sentence because...This reminds me of.....I have never heard of....I already know about....
chopped	tinier	spotted	catch	expedition			
Tuesday Fluency & understanding	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Listen to Mrs Anderton read using this link: https://www.loom.com/share/f77c752aaf404bacb022158b2c34b312 and read along.Now, read the text slowly to yourself.Read it aloud slowly to a pet or cuddly toy.Read the text one more time BUT read each sentence 3 times before moving to the next one.	Read the text again aloud and record a video of it for your portfolio. Summarise the text in a maximum of 3 sentences or draw a cartoon strip to show the main point.					
Wednesday Word attack	Read the text again slowly in your head. Use the new vocabulary from Monday in sentences. Look at ‘discovered’ . Can you break it apart using your phonics skills? What is the root of the word? What other words can be made from that word?	Find and copy Often you are asked to ‘Find and Copy’. It is important to be able to find the answers quickly by scanning the text. <ol style="list-style-type: none">Find and copy one word meaning ‘close to extinction’.Find and copy a group of words that tells you how the chameleon catches its prey?Which word most closely matches the meaning of ‘an animal hunted for food’?					
Thursday Prosody (reading with appropriate pace and expression) & Prediction	Read it like <i>a posh person</i> . Read it like <i>a baby</i> . Read it <i>like you’re reading it to a very young child</i> .	What else would you like to know about the nano-chameleon? Think of three things you’d like to find out.					
Friday Focused Comprehension Skills	Answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">What type of animal is a chameleon?What size is a nano-chameleon?Where and when was it found?What is its proper name?What makes it different from, and similar to most chameleons?	Extra Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none">Why should it be listed as critically endangered?What do you think scientists should do now?					