



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Year 2 - Penguin Class Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 is now well underway. We began our term learning about Guy Fawkes Night and we wrote Firework poems. We will focus on 'Habitats' in Science looking at how animals have adapted to live in different habitats and their environment. Our Creative Curriculum topic will be 'Wild Weather' and we will explore the Arctic. We have also begun preparing for the Christmas production and at the end of the term, we will be doing lots of fun Christmas activities.

**English:** We will learn about how 'Stories in familiar settings'. We will be writing information text about the weather. We will be looking at explanation text linked to the Science topic. We will continue to practise constructing interesting sentences using conjunctions, (words that extend sentences like: and, so, but, because), adjectives and adverbs. We will learn about inverted commas (speech marks) and practise writing an alternative ending to a story. We will also be revisiting instruction writing and writing our Science observations.

**Maths:** We will continue to practise multiplication and division facts of 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s; looking at arrays, multiplication patterns and Commutative Law ( $2 \times 3 = 3 \times 2$ ). We will be using number bonds to help find complements to 100 (e.g.  $54 + 46 = 100$ ). Also, we will be learning to count money in pounds and pence and calculating change.

**Homework:** As last term, your child will be given **Spelling and Times Tables homework once a week**. Please indicate the amount of support that you give your child in their homework book. Please ensure that you continue to practise the Year 2 words with your child as they are already making great progress and using them independently in their writing. Also, children are increasing their rapid recall of the times table facts.

There will be no creative curriculum topic homework this term.

**Reading:** It is important that your child is reading for approximately **10 minutes every day** as this will help to develop their reading confidence and fluency thus securing good phonic knowledge.

Just as a reminder, please ensure that **all** pieces of school uniform are clearly labelled **especially school jumpers**.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me via the reading record or see me at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support Mrs Attubato, Mrs Bowyer and Miss Rapo