

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

## Year 2 - Penguin Class Term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is now well underway and we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

We have begun our term by exploring dictionary and thesaurus skills in **Wicked Words Week**. Our Creative Curriculum topic this term will be '**Why is the Great fire of London important?**' We will be comparing London in 17<sup>th</sup> century and the present day and how the Great fire of London began. In Science, we will focus on '**Everyday Materials**' and the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses.

**English:** We will explore what we know about the Great Fire from Samuel Pepys' diary and write a newspaper report about the events. We will write poems linked to Mother's Day. We will also write a non-chronological report based on everyday materials and write our Science observations. We will continue to practise writing sentences using correct punctuation, extend sentences with interesting vocabulary and improve our handwriting.

**Maths:** We will look at Fraction of shapes and quantities. We will revise addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers. We will investigate the topic of measurement including length, weight and capacity, and reading clocks to within 5 minutes. Times tables will be a regular part of our maths lessons and links will be made with division and the relationship with fractions.

**Homework:** As last term, your child will be given **Spelling and Times Tables homework once a week on Thursdays**. Please ensure that you continue to practise these words with your child as they are already making great progress and using them independently in their writing. Your child will be tested on common expectation words at the end of the term. We will continue to focus on 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and the corresponding fact families.

e.g.  $5 \times 2 = 10$

$2 \times 5 = 10$

$10 \div 2 = 5$

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Please indicate the amount of support that you give your child in their homework book. There will be no creative curriculum topic homework this term.

**Reading:** It is important that your child is reading for approximately **15 minutes every day** as this will help to develop their reading confidence and fluency thus securing good phonic knowledge.

PE lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Just as a reminder, please ensure that **all** pieces of school uniform are clearly labelled **especially school jumpers** and your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day. Please discourage your child from bringing in toys to school. This will avoid unnecessary upset for your child if the toy goes missing or is broken. Also, a quick reminder, your child needs to bring in a glue stick for use in class. Thank you in advance.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Attubato, Mrs Bowyer and Miss Rapo