



Friday 10th January 2020

Year 2 - Penguin Class Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and Term 3. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and we wish you a very happy 2020 to you all. We would also like to say a very big THANK YOU from us for our lovely Christmas gifts!

Term 3 is now well underway. This week, we are exploring Poetry and we will be writing our own poems linked to our Creative Curriculum 'Oceans, Seas, Rivers and Lakes' and we will explore 'Why is our planet blue?'. In Science, we will focus on 'Water' looking at how important water is to us, and water's amazing properties. We will be investigation sinking and floating, freezing and melting.

English: We will learn about 'Traditional Stories and Fairy-tales' and look at alternative fairy tales. We will be writing an alternative ending to a familiar story. We will be looking at explanation text linked to the Science topic of Water. We will continue to practise constructing interesting sentences using conjunctions, (words that extend sentences like: and, so, but, because), adjectives and adverbs and learn how to use the apostrophes for possession.

Maths: We will continue to practise multiplication and division facts of 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s; looking at arrays, multiplication patterns and Commutative Law ($2 \times 3 = 3 \times 2$) and fact families. We will then learn how to solve word problems. We will learn some data handling in the form of tallies, tables and charts and investigate the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. We will revise addition and subtraction involving money.

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 and their understanding of the division facts. There will be a piece of Creative Curriculum homework this term about Water.

Reading: It is important that you listen to your child reading for approximately **10 minutes every day** as this will help them to develop their reading confidence and their fluency thus securing good phonic knowledge. Please ask them about what they have read and build on their comprehension and understanding of the text.

PE: PE is 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's classroom water bottle contains only water.

As a whole school, we have requested children provide their own named glue stick. If your child has other equipment, they must not play with them during learning as this can be distracting. 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