



Penguin

Class

Term 1 - September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to Year 2. It is lovely to be back in school and to see how well the children have coped with their return to learning in class. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is now refreshed and ready to start an exciting new school year in Penguin Class. We would like to share with you the topics your child will be learning so we can work together to provide all the support your child will need.

English:

Different stories from the author Oliver Jeffers, instructional writing, dictionary skills

These units of study offer a variety of writing opportunities; encouraging your child to develop both as a reader and a writer. Your child will be gaining confidence to discuss their understanding of the stories and use words and sentences effectively to improve their writing and reading comprehension.

Maths:

Place value to 100, addition and subtraction, money, multiplication and division

Please encourage your child to talk about the methods and strategies they have learnt in school to secure their understanding further. Please support your child to practise reading numbers and handling coins in context to increase fluency and thereby strengthening their

Term	Topic	Example coverage
1	USA	Map skills, the seven continents, landmarks, Native American culture, traditions and famous Americans.
2	Weather	Weather patterns, extreme weather, measuring different types of weather.
3	Oceans, lakes and seas	Famous boats, Christopher Columbus, naming oceans, artists that use water and water experiments
4	The Great Fire of London	The history of the Great Fire of London, Samuel Pepys, building structures and fire safety.
5	Minibeasts and plants	Allotments, growing plants and seeds, healthy eating, pond life and life cycles.
6	Dinosaurs	Types of dinosaur and their extinction.

application to a variety of mathematical concepts.

Creative Curriculum

Phonics:

Children will have regular phonics lessons linked to spelling patterns and strategies for Year 2. Following government guidelines, they will have a Phonic Screening assessment in Term 2. Your child will be tested on Year 2 common expectation words throughout the year.

Reading:

It is very important that you listen to your child read every day. Reading books can be changed once your child has read the book twice on separate days. Please encourage them to discuss the story or information text to develop good comprehension skills. This will lead to

your child becoming an enthusiastic reader whilst also improving their writing skills. Your child should read a range of books from their reading level and then move to the next level of the reading scheme when their reading is fluent. As your child moves along the reading schemes, they will be given comprehension activities linked to some of the books.

Homework:

Your child will be given homework at the beginning of the term. It will include one piece of Maths work linked to the multiplication facts and one piece of English work linked to Year 2 common expectation words. Both pieces of homework will be set on a Monday and due in the following Monday. It can be uploaded to the virtual learning platform Seesaw for feedback.

At the beginning of the Term 1, 3 and 5, your child will have a 2-week homework project based on the Creative Curriculum topic in place of the Maths and English homework. This was given out Monday 7th September and due Monday 21st September. Projects will need to be uploaded to Seesaw and any photos should not contain images of your child.

Equipment:

PE lessons are on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit in school on both days. Earrings will need to be removed or taped. **Please label all pieces of clothing clearly, especially school jumpers.** Your child should also have a water bottle in school that is filled with water. They may drink this in the classroom during the day to remain hydrated. Children can bring in wellington boots for woodland activities and lunch times. We ask that these are also clearly named. As a whole school, we have requested children provide their own stationery and a named glue stick.

Behaviour:

Good behaviour is always encouraged and rewarded in Penguin Class. Children will receive 'Classdojo' points for good behaviour and following instructions correctly. Children will be able to redeem these points for a small item from the rewards tin. House points will be awarded for great learning, completed homework tasks and good written work in all subjects areas. Each week, a child will be chosen as the **Class Captain**, if they have demonstrated good behaviour and are a positive role model to the other children. In addition, a **Writer of the Week** will be chosen for exceptional writing and **Reading Certificates** awarded if they have moved up the reading scheme. **WOW certificates** are given for excelling in class work.

We look forward to a fun-packed and busy year. Please take a look at the school website <http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk> for the **Year 2 Long Term Plan** and for further information. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact me via the school email.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together this year.

Kindest regards

Mrs Attubato and Mrs Bowyer