



Friday 6th November 2020

Year 2 - Penguin Class Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have had a great half-term break and the children have enjoyed a well deserved rest. I'm so proud of how well they have settled back into class and shown such resilience. I look forward to another great term.

We will begin by learning about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. In Science, we will focus on 'Habitats' looking at how animals have adapted to live in different habitats and their environment. Our Creative Curriculum topic is 'Wild Weather' where we will explore the Cold Climates. Although there will not be a Nativity play at the end of the term, we will cover Christmas through RE and related activities.

English: We are learning about 'Stories in familiar settings' and practise writing an alternative ending to a story. We will be writing information text about the weather. We will be looking at explanation text linked to our Science topic and revisiting instructional writing. We will continue to practise writing interesting sentences using conjunctions, (words that extend sentences like: and, so, but, because), adjectives and adverbs.

Maths: We are learning the concept of 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 compliments 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 for each week**. Your child should aim to complete two spelling activities and one times table task per week. It is then uploaded to Seesaw where it will be marked, thus avoiding a paper copy in school. Please ensure that your child continues to practise the Year 2 words as they are already making great progress and using them independently in their writing. Also, help them to increase their rapid recall of the times table facts by accessing <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> so they apply their knowledge lessons.

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**. PE lessons continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Stationery Equipment: Your child should have a pencil case containing the following items; 2x pencils, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, yellow highlighter, a small set of coloured pencil and felt-tip pens.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact me via the reading record or the school office email.

Thank you for your continued support Mrs Attubato, Mrs Bowyer