



Penguins Newsletter - Spring Term 1



WELCOME

2025 is here! Wishing Penguins a warm welcome back to school. We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break, and we would like to say a massive thank you for your generous gifts - these were very much appreciated.

This term is packed full of new learning, so we are hoping for good health and kind weather to see us through to the next half-term.

Mrs Wellard, Mrs Parker and Miss Davies

Reading books

This term, library day will be **Wednesdays**. If you have got a school library book at home, please bring it in so that you can choose a new one.

Please continue to hear your child read daily and make sure reading books and book bags are brought into school everyday.

PE

This term, Team Theme will lead our **Monday** PE lesson on gymnastics and our **Wednesday's** invasion games lesson outside on the playground.

Please ensure your child's full kit is in school everyday. No earrings on PE days, please, and can long hair be tied up. Also, please remember that no jewellery should be worn to school.



Spelling and Grammar

Well done to a fantastic start, Penguins! We check out the school league frequently and many of you have already shown superb commitment to learning your year 2 spellings on the Spelling Shed website. This term, we will use the programme further in class and weekly spelling assignments will be set on your child's account. A sticker with their login details can be found inside their red reading record book. Any questions, please ask or email me.



This term's topic - 'Our Wonderful World'

This term, our Geography topic will lead us on a journey of discovery about the world we live in - as we learn to navigate maps, name the oceans and the continents and find out about some of the amazing human and physical features in our world.

Also, we will use laptops to explore data collection and make pictograms as part of our ICT lessons.

In Science, alongside continuing to head outside and find out about animals and plants in their habitats, we will look closely at animals and humans, life cycles, food chains and how humans keep healthy through diet and cleanliness. This term, we will also follow our Sex and Relationships curriculum to learn about the differences between male and female body parts and animal babies.



RE

This term, we will find out about 'Humanism' - who humanists are and how they live their lives, their beliefs and ways they celebrate.

Labelled clothing

Please, please, please can you check your child's school uniform is labelled? So many jumpers, cardigans and items of PE kit get lost daily, and when faced with an unlabelled pile of clothing, no one knows what belongs where. Iron-in labels often fall out and biro will wash out, so please check that names are still in place. Any clothing unaccounted for will be taken to the lost property chest in the carpark. Thank you

Contact

If you have any worries and would like to speak to me, please contact the school by phone or email, or you can email me directly on penguins@egerton.kent.sch.uk and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.



Home learning activities for Term 3

- **Daily reading** - Please listen to your child **read** their phonics book for 5 - 10 minutes **every day**.
- Please also **read to your child daily** (this could be at bedtime or whenever it fits in with your routine)
- Practice reading and spelling **the year 1 and 2 common exception word list** (see below)
- Spelling games on '**Spelling Shed**' set weekly
- Additional worksheet activities may be sent home from time to time to support consolidation of school learning. Please aim to return these after one week.

Useful websites:

[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)



[Maths - Topmarks Search](#)



[Most Popular Free Maths Games - Mathsframe](#)



[ictgames || html5 Home Page](#)



[EdShed](#)





Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	



Cursive Lower Case Letters

