



## Penguins Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

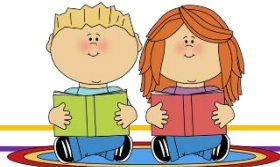
### WELCOME

We hope you have all had a great break. This term is always busy but full of fun and there will be a lot of exciting, new learning to get stuck into! This term will also take us into the colder, wintry weather, so don't forget those coats everyday as we will still try and take opportunities for heading outside as often as we can.

Mrs Wellard and Mrs Parker

### Reading books

Research shows that practice, practice and more practice is the best way to become a fluent reader. This includes reading and rereading the same text multiple times until it becomes effortless for the child. To support your child, please ensure they have their phonics reading books and red record book in school every day, and please listen to them read their book at home daily.



### Spelling and Grammar

To support our children to become better spellers, we have invested as a school in 'Spelling Shed'. Alongside learning to read and spell in our phonics and writing lessons, we will have different spelling words and patterns to focus on in class each week. In addition, I will set games for the children to play at home as a fun way of practicing. A sticker with their login details can be found inside their red reading record book. The games are quick and fun, and it will be great to see the impact regular practice can have on their spelling knowledge. Login frequently to play the games and we will celebrate their progress in class.



### How to contact me

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](mailto:penguins@egerton.kent.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mrs Wellard

### This term's topic - 'Remember, Remember'



History leads the topic this term, as we will be finding out about World War 1, where it took place and what life was like for soldiers in the trenches. Having learnt about poppies through art last term, we will now consider the link between poppies and Remembrance.

In addition, we will be using sewing and other joining techniques to make our own glove puppets through our DT project, carrying out investigations about suitability of materials in Science and creating music using instruments and our voices for performing. Finally, we put our singing voices to full use in this year's KS1 Nativity!

### RE



This term, we are focusing on a universal topic (one which incorporates the ideas and thinking from many perspectives, both religious and non-religious). We will consider the big question '**How should we care for others and why does it matter?**'

### Important...



Please send your child in with a **named water bottle** every day, along with a **coat** - we cannot always predict the rain! Gloves, hats and scarves for cold weather also need to be named. Fresh, healthy snacks are provided each day by school for break. Alternatively, you can provide fruit or vegetables from home, breadsticks, crackers, cheese or a cereal bar. No nut products and no sweets or chocolates, please.



## Home learning activities for Term 1

- **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.

### Reading for pleasure - great ideas for gifts!

Here is a link to a list of great books for year 2 readers: [Best Books for Year 2: Recommended Booklist for Ages 6-7 \(booksfortopics.com\)](https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2-recommended-booklist-for-ages-6-7)

**Books for Topics** 50 Recommended Reads for...  
**Year 2** (ages 6-7)

Books shown on the shelves include: *Flat Stanley*, *Daisy O'Don*, *The Rainbow Bear*, *Ronald Dahl*, *Cliff*, *The Bumpy Day*, *The Eyebrow*, *Doom*, *The Panda*, *We All Celebrate!*, *Emperor of the Ice*, *Emerald Forest*, *The Frosted Leaf*, *Darwin's Super Pooping*, *A Ticket to Balzarob*, *Marv*, *Whichever Unicorn*, *You Must Wear a Hat*, *Wheels*, *Blanky's*, *Karon Slater: Illustrator*, *Must Manilla*, *The Incredible Journey*, *The Villains*, *Gladde*, *Blue*, *Martin's Mice*, *Einstein Penguin*, *Amy Gets Eaten*, *Alten Jam Factory*, *Marge in Charge*, *Can I Build a Bridge*, *A Way to the Stars*, *The Penguin*, *Night Flight*, *The Tunnel*, *Katherine*, *Croaky*, *Bumble & Swag*, *Investi Gators*, *The Proudest Blue*.

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Or visit [www.booksfortopics.com/year-2](https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-2)

For more primary school booklists, visit [booksfortopics.com](https://www.booksfortopics.com)



Useful websites:

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



[Maths - Topmarks Search](#)



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



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## 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	