



Penguins Newsletter - Spring Term 2

WELCOME

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half-term break. As we welcome spring, this term will be packed with new learning. Whilst I am recuperating from my operation, Ms Rogerson will be taking over the teaching from week 2 of this term and she is very excited about getting to meet you all.

Mrs Wellard, Mrs Parker, Mrs Sheppard and Miss Davis

PE

This term, we will have PE lessons every week on **Mondays**. Please ensure your child's 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.



This term's topic - Changing the World

Our theme focuses on how one small voice can make a huge change. We will learn about this through researching three female activists in our history lessons. We will also explore this through narrative writing using the story 'The Building Boy', a book about a boy named Tom who finds the courage to follow his Grandma's legacy as an architect.

Throughout the term, we will become vehicle designers and builders as part of our DT project. Maths continues with our unit on multiplication and division, so learning the times table facts for the 2s, 5s and 10s is very important.

A very exciting term of learning in every way!



World Book Day - 6th March

This year, we are asking children to dress up as a favourite book character (make sure they can talk about who they are and the book they are in!). On the day, we will be enjoying a range of activities linked to books and reading, and making the most of a special day all about reading for pleasure. We can't wait to see you in your costumes!

RE



This term's RE will focus on the theme of 'Salvation'. We will think about how and why Easter matters to Christians.



Reading books

We encourage your child to read at home with you every day, and then we ask that a parent writes a short comment, signs and dates the record book to say your child has read. Your child's book will be changed as soon as they have completed it in school. They need to bring their reading and record book to and from school every day. Thank you for your support with helping your child become a great reader!

Toys and home objects

Just to say thank you for discouraging your child from bringing toys or fidget objects from home. Items often get lost or broken, which leads to upset. If a child needs a fidget toy to support their focus, we can provide suitable ones at school. Your child only needs a water bottle, their reading books, a coat and a snack/lunchbox.

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 the team will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mrs Wellard

Important...



Please send your child in with a **named water bottle** every day, along with a **coat**. Gloves, hats and scarves for cold weather **also need to be named**. Fresh, healthy fruit or vegetable snacks are provided each day by school for break. No cakes, sweets, chocolate or crisps, please.



Home learning activities for Term 4

- **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

