



Welcome to Penguins!

Christian values	Term 1: Perseverance	Term 2: Thankfulness
British values	Term 1: Democracy	Term 2: Tolerance

Adults in Penguins

The children in Penguins work with Mrs Goodwin from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Jessop works as a higher level teaching assistant from Wednesday to Friday, leading the class on Fridays. Miss Rayner works as a teaching assistant in Penguins each day. Mark Champion, Vice Chair of Governors, joins us as a volunteer to support with swimming lessons and trips.

Settling into school life

During the first term, the children will have the opportunity to settle into their new class. We will be spending lots of time exploring the outside area as well as inside the classroom. We have waterproof suits so we can play outside whatever the weather and it would be very helpful if your child brought in a named pair of wellies so their feet don't get wet!

Phonics and early reading

Read Write Inc is taught daily. This is an exciting phonics programme where children work in groups to learn to decode words by learning the letter sounds. They will be working with Fred the frog, who can only speak in sounds, and learning to put these together to read words. They will also be learning 'red' words, which are the high frequency words that Fred can't sound out. In term 1, we will hold a parent meeting where you will be invited to find out about RWI and spend some time in class taking part in a RWI lesson.

Maths

In maths we will be learning through Mastering Number and White Rose Maths. These activities help children to build strong foundations in number sense by focusing on instantly recognising small quantities, number bonds and flexible ways to make numbers. We support children in their learning through games, using everyday objects to count, compare and measure and by encouraging children to talk about their mathematical thinking.

Swimming

Children will go swimming on Tuesday mornings, so please make sure they bring their swimming kit in each week in a bag they can comfortably carry on the walk to Christ Church School. Swimming will start from Tuesday 6th October.

Beach School

On Thursdays, the Penguins will take part in Beach School. The children will spend time learning and playing on either Sunny Sands or the shingle beach. It is really helpful for children to keep a bag of spare clothes in school in case they get messy or damp.

Topics and child initiated learning

We base a lot of our learning around stories and poems. Children will take part in Drawing Club where we share stories and have the opportunity to draw and write together.

Child initiated play is very important in the Early Years curriculum and your child will have the opportunity to plan and carry out activities of their choosing. They will be learning to plan, do and review their play in order for them to enhance their learning.

	Term 1	Term 2
Communication and Language	Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs We're Going on a Bear Hunt Oi Frog! Hooray for Fish!	The Naughty Bus The Old Woman and the Red Pumpkin The Nativity
Understanding the World	Dinosaurs Rocks - fossils	Transport Forces
Expressive Art & Design	Creating fossils	Design and make vehicles Celebration music
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference
Religious Education	Creation - How do Christian people around the world say thank you to God for creation?	Incarnation - How do different Christian people around the world celebrate Christmas?

PE	Swimming Me and myself	Swimming Moving and developing
Computing	All about instructions	Programming Beebots
Online Safety	Self-image and identity	Online relationships

How you can help your child

RED TED - Your child will receive a stamp each day they read with you at home and will get their very own RED TED bear when they reach 50 stamps.

You can support your child in your everyday routines such as pointing out letters, words and numbers, counting objects or steps, sorting objects into groups and spotting shapes and colours.

It is going to be a busy time in Penguins and I'm sure it is going to be great fun too! If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please don't hesitate in getting in touch.

Thank you,

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