



Information for Parents - Terms 1 and 2 2025



## Welcome to Penguins!

The children in Penguins will work with Mrs Goodwin from Monday to Thursday and with Mrs Jessop on a Friday.

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!

We base a lot of our learning around stories and poems and will be reading books including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Oi Frog!*, *Hooray for Fish!* and *The Naughty Bus*. We will also be learning about dinosaurs and transport and exploring the Triennial artworks in the local area.

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.

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.

*Read Write Inc* will be 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. We will hold a parent meeting where you will be invited to meet with Mrs Goodwin to find out about RWI and then spend some time in class to take part in a RWI lesson.

Children will go swimming on a Tuesday morning and take part in a PE lesson alongside the Turtles class with Mrs Hebdon on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on a Tuesday and that they bring their swimming kit each week.

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. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on a Thursday along with a bag of their own clothes they can change into if they get messy or damp.

In RE we learn alongside our class puppets, Tessa and Tom. They help us to learn about ourselves and others and how we live our lives. We will find out about harvest and be learning harvest songs and making bread. As we move towards Christmas, we will be finding out about the Christmas story and be working on our nativity play. Information about this will be sent out nearer the time.

Finally, don't forget 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.

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,

Mrs Sarah Goodwin

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