

# Penguins 2024 Summer NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support during these difficult times and supporting your child with all they do in school and the Penguins class.

## Thematic work.

This term our topic is Local area. We will be encouraging the children to research the topic and be as creative as possible. The children will be learning all about the area they live in and surrounding places of interest, as well as in the UK. We will be exploring different types of homes and buildings, maps and symbols and real OS maps.

## Homework

The children will receive a new homework sheet to go with our new topics. This sheet has different tasks for the children to choose from each week. Please choose one task and take one-two pages to complete this. You can be as creative as you choose; it was lovely to see some of the photographs and games that you have made together.

## Spellings.

We will do our class spelling tests each Monday afternoon. Please practice these with the children at home, this term the children will have 10 spelling words to learn. Please continue to help your child to write and spell these applying phonic knowledge. This term we are going to be introducing a new platform called Spelling Shed. This will help your child to boost their spelling and English skills in an exciting way. The word lists are based on a letter and sounds pattern that will complement your child's phonic ability. This can be accessed through your child's Wonde account.

## Reading Books

We will continue to change the children's books each week to ensure the children have the opportunity to read a variety of texts at home as well as in school. Throughout the week it is our aim to read with each child individually in addition to our phonics lessons.

In addition to the reading books, your child will need to continue to learn their high frequency words at home. It is important that you listen to your child read every day and sign their reading record book. Children can earn rewards for the amount times they read each week.

## P.E. Kits

P.E will continue to take place on a Wednesday and a Friday this term. Please can children bring a kit which is labelled that includes: pumps, a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a hoodie. We would like to remind you that if your child is in an after school P.E. club such as gymnastics they will need to wear a full P.E. kit and bring it back for the P.E. lessons throughout the week. No jewellery or earrings to be worn please.

## Other information

Please ensure that your child has their own-labelled water bottle in school each day. Toast is payable each day at 20p a slice if required or £1:00 each week. The children have the opportunity to have a piece of fresh fruit if toast is not needed. Milk is ordered via the school office and payable on parent pay.

## Communication

We try our best to speak either with parents and carers daily to address any concerns. As you may appreciate the start of the day is very busy, however if you have questions we will be happy to answer you as soon as we can. Thank you once again for all your support in giving your children the best opportunities to reach their full potential. We are as a team very proud of your child.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hine-Smith, Miss Cook & Mrs Maddock