



Class 4 Penguins



Term 1 & 2 Newsletter

Class Expectations

Welcome back to a new school year!

There have been a lot of mixed feelings amongst the children over these first few days, but I am pleased to say that the children have settled back into school life brilliantly. We have had lots of discussion about how to keep ourselves and others safe and about the feelings that we might be experiencing during this time. We are here to support the children with both their learning and their wellbeing and I hope that the children are feeling comfortable and happy in our classroom environment.

As a school, we have made some changes to our behaviour system. We are now starting the day with all children's names on the 'ready to learn' square. The children have two opportunities to move their name up to the 'Good Choices' and 'Superstar' squares during the day for positive behaviour. They also have two opportunities to move their name down to the 'Think about it' and 'Timeout' squares during the day for negative behaviour. Timeout will consist of the child having a few minutes to calm down and reflect on their behaviour and return to being 'ready to learn'. The children will also have the chance to have a personal postcard sent home if their behaviour has been above and beyond. This will be written by the class teacher and will be a fantastic way to celebrate the children's fantastic behaviour with adults at home.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in your child's learning and we look forward to the term ahead!

Homework

We are currently not sending homework home with the children. If you wish to complete work with your child at home then it is always a great idea to practise their time tables. In Year 4 we will be focusing on our 6, 7 and 9 time tables.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> is also a great website with lots of educational games that the children enjoy.

PE Our day is Wednesday in the afternoon. Currently, the children will not need to bring a PE kit to school as we will not be changing for PE. Children are to bring a pair of trainers or plimsolls for PE lessons. No jewellery should be worn and long hair should be tied back. The children will be taught PE by the sports coach and Miss Sayer.

Contact: Please feel free to contact me by email or arrange a phone appointment via the school office.

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This Term's Learning

Maths Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Time, Multiplication and Division. **Literacy** We will be reading and writing using the books: Mr. Stink and George's Marvellous Medicine. **Science** Humans and All Living Things. **Topic** Shang Dynasty and Mountains, Rivers and Coasts. **RE** Creation and Incarnation. **PE** Sports Coach, Gymnastics and Dance. **Computing** E-safety and Programming. **Art** Textiles and Collage. **DT** Mechanical Systems. **PSHE** Health & Wellbeing and Relationships.

Reading

We use a scheme called Accelerated Reader. The children take a quiz to level their reading and comprehension. They then read a book at school or home at the levels they achieved. They will then take a quiz at school and choose another book. The children build up points and the computer records the number of words read as the year progresses. They can read books from home as well as long as there is a quiz for them. You can check this at www.arbookfind.co.uk

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