

Reception

Autumn 2021



Penguins



Salamanders

Welcome

We have enjoyed meeting and starting to get to know your children this week. They have settled extremely well and are full of zest and curiosity, ready for learning. We look forward to an exciting first term.

Please talk to your child's teaching team if you have any questions.

Early Years Lead - Kim Peterson

Class Teacher of Salamanders - Peaches Silkin

EYP - Emma Fair

Class Teacher of Penguins - Chloe Price

TA - Rachel Lewis

Additional TA - Marie Chapman

Maths

Maths - No Problem! will be used to support teaching and learning. This term, the children will extend their recognition and recording of numbers using correct formation. There will be a focus on solving problems using critical thinking and their knowledge of number order. They will be using manipulatives, number lines and 100 squares to support this. Their learning will also include 2D shapes.

The children will explore number and shape in their play, and in whole class learning sessions. Stories, games and practical activities will further enhance their understanding of new concepts.

Maths priorities for this term:

1. I can place numbers 1 to 20 in order
2. I can count to 20
3. I can name some 2D shapes

Literacy

This term, the children will be exploring the text 'All About Me'. They will consider what makes each of us different, focusing on family, interests and unique qualities. We will also be discussing how to look after ourselves and our bodies.

The children will be working on pen grip, letter formation and the correct spelling of their name - as well as writing about family and self.

In addition, we will be looking at seasonal books around the theme of Harvest and autumn. As the days get shorter, we will be exploring our sky, space, fireworks and celebrations.

Throughout this half-term, we will be using the following texts:

- 'All About Me' by Debbie MacKinnon and Anthea Sieveking
- 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas
- 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
- 'The Gigantic Turnip' Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey

Next half-term, we will be using the following texts:

- 'Wild' by Emily Hughes
- 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers
- 'The Last Tree' by Emily Haworth Booth
- 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy

Literacy priorities for this term:

1. I can sit correctly at a table and use a tripod grip.
2. I can write all the letters of the alphabet, most of which are correctly formed.
3. I can write my name using correct spelling and case.

Please enjoy as many stories as you can with your child at home.

Additional Information

PE

The children will have the opportunity to take part in both indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school for the entire half-term. Kits and bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please help your child practise getting dressed and undressed in preparation for changing for PE.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child has a raincoat for wet days and a warm coat for colder days. These should be clearly named.

Water

Your child should be provided with a water bottle, which is clearly identifiable as belonging to them.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home every week, with a reading record to fill in. More information will be sent home with the first set of books. Please read with your child as often as possible, preferably each day/evening.

How you can help

Shortly, you will receive login details for Tapestry. This is an effective way for us to share with you what your child has been doing throughout the day. You can also share their achievements outside of school, which we will celebrate in class. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

