

General Class Information:

Values Education

This half term our core Christian value is **TRUST** and our focus British Value is '**Individual Liberty**'. Our worships, PSHE and class discussions will be focused on our values. Please discuss them at home with your child and think of ways they can demonstrate/develop these values this half term.



PE dates/times

PE will take place on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Reminders about correct PE kit can be found in your child's school planner. The Key Stage 2 after school club will continue on a Wednesday.

Swimming will take place every **Monday afternoon**. Again, there are reminders about swimming kit in your child's school planner. Keep an eye on the newsletter for any updates about swimming or after school PE clubs.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that earrings are taken out for PE and swimming. Children will not be allowed to swim with earrings in. It is really important that all children have access to water throughout the school day. Please ensure your child has a clean, labelled water bottle in school at all times.



School Planner

We hope you are continuing to find our new planners useful and they are proving supportive to any school-led, home-learning activities, or additional activities you may wish to complete with your children. Please do continue to refer to your child's new diary for guidance and as a place of communication between home and school. Teachers will be continuing to monitor how the children use their diaries frequently throughout the term and actively encouraging them to track their own learning by filling out their planners frequently.

Parent meeting dates

Please keep an eye on the news letter for regular updates about after school events and meetings. However, here are a few key dates you may wish to put in the diary in advance.

Friday 18th January—Celebration Worship (9.15am)

Friday 1st February—Celebration Worship (9.15am)

Friday 15th February—Celebration Worship at chapel (9.15am)

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs HJ Davies

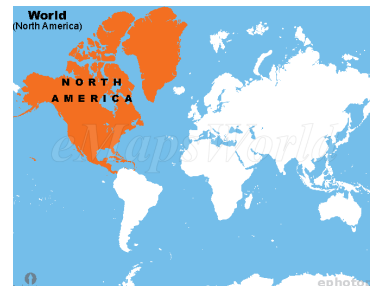


Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love

Theme- Land of the Free (North America)



Penguins Spring 1



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Spring Term. Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject this half term.

In Penguins we have been spending the first two weeks of this half term finishing off some of the science and history lessons from our previous topic, 'World War II', before moving onto our new theme described below.

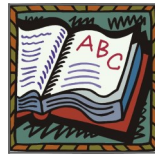
Religious Education

To start this term we will be extending our Christmas topic considering gifts that money can't buy linked with Random Acts of Kindness. We will then be moving on to learning about what it means to be a Muslim.

Literacy

Our texts this term will focus on traditional stories with links to our creative theme 'Land of the Free'. We will be reading a selection of extracts from fiction and non-fiction texts to further develop our reading skills. Our writing will be based around the traditional tales and also recounts.

We will be covering essential SPaG skills including verb tenses, expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs or prepositions and using inverted commas and related punctuation to indicate direct speech.



Maths

Our focus on multiplication and division continues, further developing our recall of multiplication and division facts and progressing to written methods, multiplying and dividing 2 or 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. We will continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving throughout this unit. In our second unit we will concentrate on developing our skills using measurement—length, perimeter and area.



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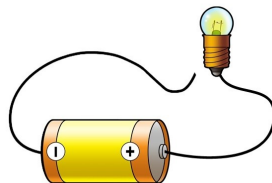
Our key focus this half term returns to online safety as we move towards Internet Safety Day which is celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February 2019 with the theme: Together for a better internet.

P.E

This half term the children will be taking part in weekly PE sessions to develop their skills in gymnastics. They shall also be swimming every Monday afternoon. Please see the back of this leaflet and your child's home-school link book for more information about PE.

Science

Our next Science focus is on Electricity. We begin by identifying common appliances that run on electricity. We will investigate circuits learning about the different parts including cells, wires, lamps, and switches,



Creative

Our theme for this half term is 'Land of the Free' learning about North America. Our primary focus will be on the geography of the continent including countries and oceans. We will be developing our map work skills and looking at human features such as monuments, sky scrapers and landmarks. In art and design we will focus on structure; investigating, designing and making a Native American Totem pole.



French

In French this half term our focus will be 'Playground Games' and 'Look at Me' alongside learning our numbers from eleven to twenty.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons this half term we will be thinking about 'Me and The World' with a focus on money—sources and uses of money, keeping money safe and making choices. We will also be responding to seasonal events such as Chinese New Year and Internet Safety Day.

Homework

Literacy — *Reading* is a very important part of your child's learning. Children in Key Stage 2 are still expected to read for 30 minutes a day and have their home-school link books signed to acknowledge that they have done so (they may sign their own diaries if they have read silently to themselves). Once Accelerated Reader books have been read, your child will complete an online quiz in school to check their understanding. This is integral to the scheme and an important measure of your child's progress. Please discuss your child's reading book with them before they complete their quiz to check their understanding.

Spellings are usually sent home every Monday and are tested the following Monday (text updates will be sent out if these days change). Details of the spelling patterns covered in class will be attached to the top of the spelling homework sheets. Spelling homework can be completed on the sheets that will be sent home.

Maths - This year, the children will continue to work towards their 'Under the Sea' mental maths targets as well as practising a core set of wider mental maths skills called 'KIRFs' (please see below). Practise towards mental maths skills and targets must be done at home in order for the children to progress through the scheme. Rewards are given in celebration assemblies for children completing their target level. For those who have completed the scheme, the children will be choosing their own maths targets (with consultation with the teacher).

New Homework Requirements

Our new KIRFs are working well to target and improve mental maths skills throughout school. Each half term, the children (Y1-6) will continue to be given a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home as well as in school. A new information sheet detailing the KIRF and practical ideas for mastering the key facts is included in homework books.

We thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

