



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

"Let your light shine"

Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matt 5 v 16

Welcome to Year 3 Penguins!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at Waterhouses and the children have settled into Year 3 exceptionally well!

A bit about me:

This is my first year at Waterhouses and my 12th year of teaching. I have taught every year group during my career and also taught in Egypt and the UAE too. I love travelling and have been fortunate to explore many countries. I have a 2 year old boy who keeps me on my toes and makes life infinitely more entertaining! I also help my wife with our charity called 'Send A Smile' that supports schools, orphanages and children's hospitals in Ghana; we set up libraries, provide teacher training to educators and donate clothes and toys to those in need.

Reading: Your child is required to regularly read independently or with an adult. Children will then complete accelerated reader quizzes in school when they have finished their book.

Spellings: These are usually given out on Monday. Children should practise regularly throughout the week with joined handwriting and look, cover, write, check. Spellings will be tested on the following Monday. Spelling lists are adapted within each year group. Children can also practice their spellings on the Spelling Shed website: <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/Login>

Times Tables: Children will have online access to Times Tables Rockstars for them to practice their times tables. Your child's login will be in their reading diaries. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

They can also use Rocking and Rolling Numbers website to watch catchy songs to learn their times tables too! <https://rockingandrollingnumbers.com/>

There will be multiplication tests throughout the term to monitor progress.

Half Term Project: To be handed in on Wednesday 23rd October. If you would like to complete more than one task, you are more than welcome to!

Homework Projects – Penguins!

English

In English, we are going to be reading “The Bear and the Piano”. In this story, a father and daughter stumble upon an incredibly talented bear who can play the piano. An excellent writing opportunity for the children to complete as homework would be to write a recount in the point of view of these two characters – how would it feel to find such an extraordinary sight? Add adjectives to describe the music and how you didn’t want to disturb the bear because you do not know what might happen!

Geography

As our Geography topic this half term is all about The United Kingdom and our region, you could create a model of either a human feature or a physical feature that we might see in our country. It could be as grand as making a model of Big Ben, or it may even be a recreation of a local farmyard with undulating hills!

You could even draw a picture of a landscape near you to show off what is in your region.

Science

In Science, we are learning all about animals including humans. This will involve learning all about our skeleton and how it affects what we can do. For this topic, you could create a song or dance to show how our skeleton helps our body move! Maybe you can think of an exercise routine that focuses on using particular muscles and joints, to show just how our bodies move!

Computing

In computing, we are learning all about inputs and outputs of digital devices in our world. The children could list devices they own in their home, or see whilst out and about and describe how information is inputted and what the output might be. For example, a till in a shop may have buttons to press or a scanning device as an input; and the output may be to show the price of it or even to print of a receipt!