



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

Penguins Class Overview Spring 1 2025



Maths

Multiplication and Division Block 2 – Written methods and scaling.

Computing

We will be using Scratch to program sequences of images and sounds! Eventually, the children will be using what they learned to make a digital piano.

History

Anglo Saxons and Scots

The children will learn about the invasions of the Scots and Anglo-Saxons in the 5th century. They will find out where the invading troops came from and where in Britain they managed to settle and then they will go on to investigate how life in Britain changed as a result

RE

What is the trinity and why is it important to Christians?

In this unit, pupils learn about the Trinity, - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Understanding how the Trinity reflects Christian beliefs about the nature of God, and how this influences Christian worship, symbols, and daily life.

French

Saying what I and others have

Children will learn words and phrases for items around the classroom.

PSHE

Safety and the Changing Body

Children will develop strategies for staying safe both online and in everyday life. It introduces key vocabulary such as cyberbullying, anaphylaxis, casualty, fake, and influence, encouraging pupils to recognise potential risks and seek help from trusted adults.

English

Class Reading and Comprehension:

Class Reading Book: BEE by Charlotte Voake

Writing:

Children will explore the fictional text to write their own poems, information texts and adventure stories.

Spelling: This year, children will be set spellings each week with a focus on the Year 3 spelling rules. Spelling shed will be used to help children to learn their spellings and practice them as homework.

Punctuation: Full stops, commas, question marks, speech marks and exclamation marks.

Grammar: Using conjunctions – coordinating and subordinating; expanded noun phrases and using the correct tense.

Science

Rocks

Children will explore different rocks and solids. They will classify and group rocks together based on their looks and physical properties and begin to explain how some rocks are formed.

PE/Swimming

Gymnastics – Canon and Unison

Children will be learning how to balance and use a range of movements that flow in unison.

Music

Latin Dance

Pupils will explore salsa rhythms by learning to play a clave rhythm, sing the song and play a percussion part.

Homework

Reading: Please share reading at home and listen to your child read regularly, making a note in their planner when you do.

Spellings: These are usually given out on Friday. Children should practise regularly throughout the week on Spelling Shed. Spellings will be tested on the following Friday.

Times Tables Rockstars: please encourage regular practice. Theme homework (please choose at least one):

History - Pupils can have a go at baking Anglo Saxon honey and oat bread!

Science - Children can fill a bottle with garden soil and water. Shake it up and leave it for a week to see how it settles into layers. Have a go at labelling the layers.

PSHE – Create a poster to give advice to others on how to stay safe online.

BEE



On a warm spring day, a curious boy watches the bees go back and forth from their hive. To his surprise, he hears tiny voices – the honeybees have a magic bee suit just for him! The next minute, the boy is the same size as Bella, Beatrice and the rest of the sociable bees, ready to spend the day learning all about them.

D&T

Making Pneumatic Tools

Children will be exploring, designing and creating their own pneumatic toys explaining how compression and air can be used to make movements.

‘Let your light shine!’