



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

Penguins Class Overview Summer 1 2025-2026



Maths

Fractions, Money and Time

Computing

Learners will become familiar with the terms 'text', 'images' and emojis and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. They will use desktop publishing software and consider carefully their publishing choices.

History

The Romans

This unit looks at the Romans and their achievements from 43 CE to 410 CE. The first lessons explore what life was like in early Rome, who was in charge and held the power across the Empire and how the emperors trained up their powerful armies.

RE

How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?

In this unit, Pupils will identify some beliefs about God in Islam, expressed in Surah 1. They will also make clear links between beliefs about God and ibadah (worship) and how this links to their beliefs.

French

Describing things and people

Children will be learning the words for different animals and

PSHE

Economic Wellbeing

Children will, describe how different payment methods may be used in given scenarios; suggest why specific payment methods might be more beneficial. Also, they will, explain what a budget is and how we can benefit from budgeting and identify how they would feel in a money scenario. Understand that our spending choices can impact others.

English

Class Reading and Comprehension:

Class Reading Book: Escape from Pompeii

Writing:

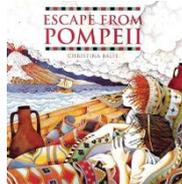
Children will explore the fictional text to write their own **descriptive writing, eye witness accounts and a non-chronological report.**

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 as well as learning to use a thesaurus accurately.

Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit



Join Tranio, the son of an actor, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, in witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds. The ground begins to shake, the sky to darken. People run gasping for air. Heading for the harbor, Tranio and his friend Livia hide on a boat and witness one of the most terrifying moments in recorded history-the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of their beloved city, Pompeii.

D&T

Digital Wearables

Using a microbit, the children are going to be designing and creating their own electronic wearable devices that they will program themselves.

Science

Light

During this unit of work, children will recognise that they need light to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will learn to identify light sources; explore what happens when light reflects off mirrors or other reflective materials.

PE/Swimming

Rounders

Children will be learning the rules of rounders and developing crucial striking and fielding skills.

Music

Adapting and transposing motifs

To understand that musical motifs (repeating patterns) are used as a building block in many well-known pieces of music for example, Beethoven's fifth symphony (dah dah dah dum!).

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 find out how to write their name using the Roman alphabet (no J, U, or W!). Decorate it in a mosaic or scroll style. Children can also try to make their own Roman Shield or House out of cardboard.

Science - Children practice making shadow puppets or shadows of objects with a torch and take photos or draw around them.

Computing – Children can design their own wearable technology. What would it be and what would it do? Leaping shoes, or super strength arms? You decide! Extra dojos if you make it!

'Let your light shine!'