



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

Penguins Class Overview

Autumn 1 2026



Maths

Place Value
Addition and Subtraction

Computing

We will develop our understanding of digital devices by comparing digital and non-digital devices, before looking at computer networks that include network infrastructure

RE

Who is a Muslim and how do they live? In this unit, pupils will find out about Islam, it's key beliefs and ways of living for Muslims.

French

Describing me and others
Children will learn how to use French to describe themselves and others.

PSHE

My healthy self: How can I take care of my mind and body?

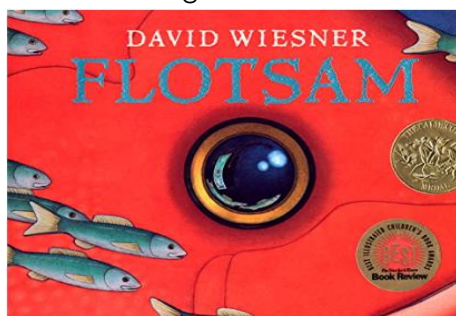
English

Spelling – 10 words weekly
Handwriting – scheme incorporating our spelling words focusing on different letters each week.

Writing: Our grammar objectives this term will focus on: Nouns and pronouns, consonants and vowels, suffixes, past tense, subordinate clauses. We will write for a range of fiction and non-fiction purposes based on our topics: the countries of the United Kingdom (geog), castles (DT).
Reading: two-week cycle on focus text, looking at vocabulary, retrieval and another comprehension focus.

Flotsam by David Wiesner

We are using this book as a whole school focus. This lovely picture book contains fabulous vivid watercolour paintings which are filled with inventive details and delightful twists.



Science

Animals Including Humans

Children will learn about the structure of the human and different animal skeletons and how the muscles also work alongside the skeleton to support and protect the body.

Geography

The United Kingdom

In this unit, children will learn about the key geographical characteristics of the United Kingdom. They will discover the different countries of the United Kingdom and the regions within England.

Music

I've Been to Harlem/Tongo We will be learning some call and response songs whilst discussing how tempo and pitch changes the song.

PE and Swimming

Dodgeball and Ball Skills
Children will be learning to work as a team whilst developing their throwing, catching and aim.

DT

Designing and Making a Castle! Children are going to assess what shapes and structures are used to make a sturdy and strong castle before replicating a similar design to build their castle.

'Let your light shine!'

Autumn 1 Homework : Penguins

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

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.

Themed homework (please choose at least one):

Geography - Create a model of either a human or physical feature we would find in the UK.

Science - Create a dance or exercise routine to show how our bones and muscles move. Record a video clip or make a comic strip detailing the routine.

English/DT – Make an information sheet about a Castle in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales.