

# English

In reading this term we will continue to focus on reading accurately all the 44 phonemes in order to build up fluency and confidence. Alongside this it is important for pupils to read, on sight, the common exception words in order for them to read more speedily.

It is important that children develop a love of reading so we will read a variety of texts including fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction in order for them to have a breadth of texts. The children will answer oral and written questions on the text so that they understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to. Comprehension is key!

There will be a big focus this term on spelling. Spelling patterns will be taught alongside the common exception words for year 2. We will be writing reports, instructions, stories and information texts.

# Maths

We will continue to work on the 4 operations with a focus on multiplication and division particularly in problem solving activities. We will focus on the 2's, 5's and 10's times tables and use mental recall of these to solve multiplication problems. Parents can help their children to learn their tables at home. Also, we will be measuring length, weight and capacity in practical contexts and finding fractions of shapes and amounts.

# ★ Penguins ★ Newsletter

PE this term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday so can you make sure your child has their PE kit in school. This term we will be doing dance and games.

In PSHE we will be discussing what makes a good friend? We will be focusing on relationships and how we get on with each other. In RE we will be finding out about Spring festivals and why Easter matters to Christians.



Design and technology will be about making a variety of vehicles which would take us up, up and away. Examples are hot air balloons, kites, space ships and rockets. The children can choose which one to make. In Art we will study the work of Vincent Van Gogh and in particular his painting Starry Night.

# Science

In science this term we are continuing with our topic on the uses of Everyday Materials. The children will be learning about different materials and investigating the properties of them. We plan to do lots of investigations discovering which material would be best at keeping ourselves dry and which kitchen towel would be best to use to mop up spilled water! Our results will be displayed on a bar chart. As part of our topic on Space we will learn all about our solar system.

# Topic

In History we will be looking at the life of Neil Armstrong and his part in the race to space. As the main focus of our topic is space, we will be learning about Gustav Holst, the famous composer who wrote The Planet Suite.

Our Geography focus will take us to Australia and we will be comparing our lives with children in Australia and studying the climate, geographical features and animals.