

Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed your break. We are looking forward to starting the new term off with the children!

Literacy

In Literacy, the children will be learning about writing a **fictional narrative**. They will explore how to use **similes**, **metaphors**, and **repetition** to describe what is happening and create an atmosphere that the reader can picture. We have been practising planning, drafting, and improving our writing, with a particular focus on using full sentences and clear structure. After completion, we will be learning how to write a **diary entry** through the eye of a Roman child.

Maths – Multiplication and Division/Length and Perimeter

In Maths, our focus this term will be **Multiplication and Division**. The children will be learning about how multiplication and division is connected. We will be exploring how to use **arrays** and **grouping** to help us solve problems. The children will also look at **length and perimeter** and how to work them out using centimetres and metres.

Science – Ecology and Sound

In Science, the children will explore two exciting topics: **Ecology** and **Sound**. In **Ecology** we will learn about food chains and how all living things are linked to their habitats and how they survive. In our **Sound** unit, we will look at how sound is made, pitch and volume.

History – Ancient Rome

In History, the children will be learning about **Ancient Rome**. The children will look at how the Roman Empire expanded and how it fell. The children will understand how power and influence was important to success. They will also explore concepts such as civilisation, conflict and religion.

Geography – Eastern Europe

In Geography, our focus will be **Eastern Europe**. The children will expand their knowledge of Europe. They will explore key features of Eastern European countries. They will also make comparisons and discuss some recent conflicts.

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Art – Space

In Art, the children will be learning how space is used in artwork, relating it to their previous on light. They will learn the illusion of space in three dimensions can be created using tone. They will be working towards making a cardboard landscape.

Design Technology – Food

The children will be learning how to **prepare a dish** using a variety of ingredients. They will need to **measure** and **slice** their ingredients before **mixing** them together ready for baking in the oven. They will be able to take their delicious creation home for you to try!

Computing – Coding

This unit focuses on building foundational programming skills using block-based coding. Introducing core concepts like **sequencing**, **repetition**, **variables**, and **user input**, alongside problem-solving through **debugging**.

RE – Pilgrimages

In this unit of RE, the children will be exploring how and why pilgrimages are important to different religions.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to another exciting term in Year 4!

Warm regards,
Penguins Team

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