



## Welcome to Year 2 - September 2023

Welcome to Penguins class. It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled. Working within Penguins class, we have: Mrs Marcks- Class Teacher, Mrs Johnson and Miss Valentine- TAs who help support the children's learning. From now until the end of Term 2, Mrs Wood will be working in Penguins class on a Tuesday as Class Teacher. She will be covering for Mrs Marcks who will be fulfilling leadership duties. We are all looking forward to a great term ahead with Penguins class.

This year, we will be continuing to teach the children using a play-based approach, similar to Year 1. The children will be taught in whole class and small-group sessions and will be set independent challenges to complete during COOL time (Choose Our Own Learning), this follows the same approach that the children are used to from Year 1.

### Our learning this term

**Art** - Our first topic is Art and we will focus on the artist Vincent Van Gogh. Children will build on their exploration of drawing, painting and collage, to create an abstract work of art.

**English** - For the next couple of weeks, we are studying the book [The Gigantic Turnip - Listen to it here](#). We will continue to teach phonics daily and will be working on using capital letters, full stops, adjectives and verbs.

**Maths** – We will be working on numbers to 100 and learning to recognise how many tens and ones make each number.

**Science** – Later in the term, we will be studying animals and their habitats.

### Home learning and reading

Please support your children with their reading by listening to them read **at least 5 times a week**. In their reading record you will need to write the name of their book and the date, along with a comment. Books should be brought into school **every day** please. We will also be introducing home spelling practice next term to help strengthen children's writing skills this year.

Please also find any opportunities you can to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home – it can be fun building it into everyday activities! This will help with the start of times tables this year.

### **PE days**

PE days are **Tuesday** (infant agility outdoors) and **Thursday** (indoor Dance). Your child needs a Warden House team T-Shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers. When it gets colder your child will also need navy or black tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. We ask that long hair is tied back and earrings removed before school on PE days.

### **What your child needs to bring to school**

Children only need to bring reading books, lunch boxes and named water bottles to school. Please make sure **all uniform is named**.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If, at any time, you have any questions or concerns about your child's wellbeing, please speak to me or Mrs Johnson at the school gate or via the office. We will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Marcks, Mrs Wood, Mrs Johnson and Miss Valentine