

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Please find some reminders below to support your children at school throughout the term.

Reading: Please ensure your child is reading **daily at home**. This really will support their reading development. We have a very low number of children in the class reading daily and it would be great to see this improve. **Please sign your child's reading record daily** and note which book they have read- phonics, sharing or AR Library book. Please also indicate if you have read a sharing book to your child as this is also very important for their reading development and to nurture a love of reading.

Phonics and Spelling: We are now embedding spelling strategies in our spelling lessons, in addition to recapping key phonics learning. Please encourage your child to use the EdShed log-in in their reading record to access online spelling quizzes and homework.

Winter clothing: Please ensure children are sent to school with appropriate Winter weather clothing. Please label everything clearly.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your child's learning journey.
Mrs. Marcks, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ashington.

English

Our first writing genre this term will be persuasive writing, based on the book *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon. Later in the term, we will also be writing Haikus about animals and their habitats.

Geography

We will be exploring 'Why is our world wonderful?' in Geography, building local and national geographic knowledge to investigating wonders of the world.

RE

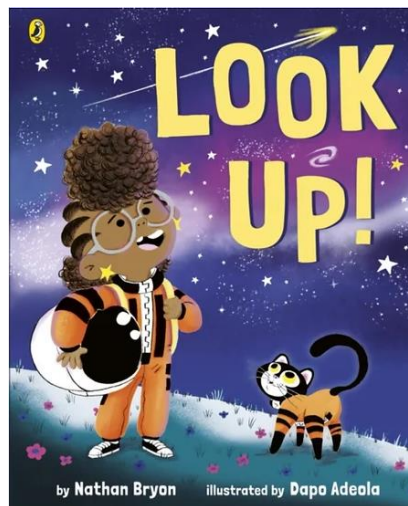
In RE this term we are learning about 'How do we know some people have a special connection to God?'. We will study this across the following religions: Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam.

PE

Outdoor games this term, on **Tuesdays**, will be Tri Golf, and indoor PE on **Thursdays** is football (mixed between indoor and outdoor). We will be developing teamwork, hand-eye co-ordination and ball skills.



Year 2 Penguins Class Term 3



Maths

Building on children's knowledge of addition and subtraction in Term 2, we will be starting multiplication and division in Term 3. Please keep practising 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s times tables at home. It really helps. We will also be learning about money in Term 3, looking at different values and reinforcing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.

DT

Later this term, we will be building on Year 1 DT skills, using pivots, levers and linkages to design and create colourful 'Moving Monsters'.

Computing

This term we are introducing programming using Scratch Junior. The children always enjoy these lessons, using iPads to programme animations. Scratch Jnr can also be downloaded at home.

PSHE

This term we are starting a new PSHE unit called *Dreams and Goals*. Themes around goal setting, motivation and working well with others will be explored across the term.

Music

From this week, we will be starting a new unit *Musical Me*. Children will continue to learn about the language of music and will work in groups to create their own compositions.