



## Penguin Class Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

What another excellent week we have had in penguin class! Congratulations to Glory, who has achieved Star of the Week this week for showing an excellent dedication to her reading both at home and in school. Well done Glory.

### English

After completing our last unit of work based on the novel Beowulf, by Michael Morpurgo, we have now begun our new English topic which is based on the story The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gershtein. This is a fantastic picture book which illustrates and narrates the true story of Philippe Petit, a tight-rope artist who walked across the Twin Towers in 1973. The children will eventually be writing a biography based on his life.

### Maths

As well as completing their Star Reader tests to determine their current reading age, all children have now completed a Star Maths test. The test generates areas which the children need to focus on in their maths and Freckle Maths can then be used to help the children practise these particular areas. Well done to those children who have already begun to engage in Freckle Maths.

### World Mental Health Day

This week, our Thought of the Day reflection discussions will be based around A Quiet Past Time. We will discuss the importance of having our own quiet reflection time and the benefits of having time to relax and unwind in such a busy world. This is particularly poignant during this week when we celebrate World Mental Health Day (Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Oct). Please visit this website for further information: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

### Computing

Our computing focus for this half term is Online Safety. We have covered citing resources, reliability of sources and how to keep our passwords protected. Online safety still remains a vital part of not only our school curriculum, but also as a generic aspect of safeguarding for our children. It is important that not only our children understand this, but also that our parents continue to support this at home too.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me if you require any support and don't forget to follow our class Twitter feed [@MrsWilliamsPen1](https://twitter.com/MrsWilliamsPen1) where you will be seeing regular updates of the children working super hard.

Yours sincerely,  
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