



## Penguin Class Newsletter

Issue 1

### Welcome back

Firstly, I would like to welcome all pupils, parents and carers to Penguin Class. After a challenging couple of years, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Children have adapted well to their new class and it has been a pleasure getting to know them over the past couple of weeks. Already children have produced some fantastic work and engaged in new experiences. We have an exciting half-term ahead and I am looking forward to watching the members of Penguin Class grow throughout the year.

### English

- Our new sequence of learning is based on the book 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. Children have already demonstrated their understanding of suffixes, superlative adjectives and figurative language. Children have also enjoyed discussing how the story originated from the oldest surviving epic poem in Old English and still includes some of these features. Children are working towards writing their own heroic legend narrative.

### Maths

- In maths, children have started by building on previous place value knowledge – Year 5 children have been introduced to numbers up to 1 million. They have started to compare and order numbers in ascending and descending order.

### Science

- This half-term, Penguin Class will be learning about particles and chemical change. We have started by describing the arrangements of solids, liquids and gases. Throughout this topic, we will develop our understanding of how particles change and when chemical reactions take place.

### Geography

- This half term, children will be learning about our coldest regions 'The Polar Regions'. We will be investigating how these regions are affected by humans and what we can do to change the future. The children will be looking at lines of longitude and latitude, different climate zones and comparing the two Polar Regions.

### PSHE

- In PSHE, we are learning about 'Being Me in My World' – we will be developing our class charter based on the UN rights of a child. Children will be learning about what makes a good citizens which links to our school vision of learning for life.

### News

#### ScotFit

If you haven't already heard, this week, children have experienced ScotFit. The children really enjoyed learning new skills and games they can play with each other, whilst having fun. Hopefully, with the excellent feedback from children and teachers, this will be available more often.

#### Clubs

Excellent news! Extra-curricular clubs can recommence. Letters were sent out on Thursday offering children of all ages a wide selection of clubs. If your child would like to attend a club, please sign up as soon as possible using the correct QR code as places are limited.

#### GoRead

This year, we are moving our home reading records electronically. Thank you to all the parents who have already engaged with our new online reading record system. This is a fantastic way for teachers, parents and pupils to record daily reading. If you require any more information please do not hesitate to ask.

#### PE

Children can attend school in full Whiston Willis PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday – if your child does not have full Whiston Willis PE kit then they are to attend school in uniform and change in to a suitable kit for PE. Trainers may be worn.

### Important Dates

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Penguin Class Parent's Meeting

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @MrsWilliamsPen1 and @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.



Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Williams