



St Sebastian's Primary School Newsletter

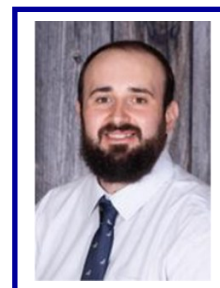
Yearly Newsletter

Penguin's Class 2026-2027

Welcome to back to a new school year which I know will be full of fun, hard work and success.

I am very excited to be back and look forward to seeing the children looking smart and ready to learn.

Thankyou to all the parents and carers for the time and effort that is put into helping with reading, homework projects and spellings at home — it really does make a difference! Mr Epton



What's happening in Autumn Term?

Starting with History, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will delve into their way of life and who they were. We will then be moving onto Geography, learning about how our world is divided looking at the Greenwich Meridian, time zones and countries within the hemispheres. In Maths, we will mainly be focusing on place value with numbers up to 10,000, arithmetic and basic number operations looking at developing fluency with counting. In Science, our topic 'Animals including Humans' will cover food chains and the digestive system. We will then be learning about the different states of matter. In R.E., we will be considering how a range of religions celebrate and what this involves. Through our English, whole class reading and class novel, we will be reading: 'Secrets of the Sun King' by Emma Carroll and 'Memory Bottles' by Beth Shoshan. Using Emma Carroll's Ancient Egyptian inspired story, we will be writing biographies and diary entries. We will then be learning how to write exciting flashback stories with ideas from 'Memory Bottles'. In DT, we will be learning how to cook bolognese making some changes with the ingredients. In Art, we will be learning about drawing with collage.



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What's happening in Spring Term?

We have got a very busy Spring term with great opportunities for new experiences. We will be starting Swimming which runs until the end of the year. Starting with Geography, we will be learning about how a place in Spain compares to a place in the East Midlands. After Geography, we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. In Maths, we will continue to learn about multiplication and division moving onto fractions, decimals and time. We will continue to focus on times tables in preparation for the multiplication check later on in the year. In Science, we will learn about Electricity and Sound and will then use this within our DT unit of work, where we are going to research, design and create our very own torches. In Art, we will be learning about using paint to create light and dark colours. Through our English, we will learn about writing persuasively (linking to our Geography unit on Spain) using the book 'Toro, Toro' by Michael Morpurgo. We will then be writing our own mystery stories using ideas from 'I know what you did last Wednesday' by Anthony Horowitz.



What's happening in Summer Term?

We have got a very busy Summer term getting ourselves ready for Year 5. In English, we will be further developing our setting descriptions with the help of 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. Linking with our Science, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Starting with Geography, we will be learning about how climate can affect our world.



During the next half term, in History we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Scots. In English we will be reading 'Beowulf' and writing explanations to support our history topic. In Maths, we will continue to work on our times tables in preparation for our Multiplication Check which will be happening the first week of June. In addition, we will look at decimals, area and perimeter moving onto geometry, Roman Numerals and position. In DT, we will be researching, designing and creating our very own pavilions and in Art we will be learning about creating sculpture. In RSE this term, we will be learning about our changing bodies, you will receive a letter about this nearer the time. Over the year, the children will continue their Latin learning and enjoy learning about different types of music.

Rewards

Class credits

As a class, we work together to collect class credits. We can receive a class credit for good learning behaviour and showing our 'bests' around school. When we get 100, we have a treat.

Value Points

Your child can earn values points for different reason across school. This is where they have shown efforts above and beyond in line with our school values. We keep a track of the values points in class and at different points they will receive a reward. Children may find values points awarded in their books, given verbally by their class teacher or other adults in the school.



Reading Books

We have continued to use Accelerated Reader as an assessment tool of your child's reading. When the children finish reading a book, they can then take a quiz in school to check their understanding of the book. Because the children's book should be matched to their reading and comprehension skills, as long as they have read it carefully they should be able to progress through the levels and onto more challenging reading material. Please remember to listen to your child read **every night** for 10-15 minutes. As independent as children are at this age, where possible still listen to them read, this will make a huge difference to their progress in reading. If you could then sign their journals and they will keep track of their reading daily. Once the children have taken their quiz, they will be able to move along our class reading trail. The further they get, the more values points they will receive.

*The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss*

PE

Autumn Term

Monday and
Thursday afternoon



Spring and Summer Term

Swimming on Wednesday
morning

PE on Thursday afternoon

Homework

From week one of term, your children should have a 'Homework Bingo' grid with a range of homework activities. Both a paper copy and an electronic copy (via the website) has been provided. Please complete one homework project each fortnight if possible. Your child can still bring in any homework crafts, projects etc that they have done at home as we love to see them! You can always send any homework photos or videos via email.



Spelling

Spellings will be taught daily via a method called 'Active Spelling'.

Children will also be sent home with 5 statutory spellings from year 1,2,3 or 4 to practice. These spellings will be tested on a weekly basis. Practicing these spellings is very important and will also help children make huge strides in their reading and writing.

Website

[Year 4 Class - Penguins](#) | [The St Sebastian's Church of England Primary School, Great Gonerby \(st-](#)

Our website contains a wealth of information that you may find helpful.

On your child's class page, you can find:

- Homework grids
- Knowledge organisers
- Photo updates
- Spellings

On our main website, you can find information about our:

- Policies and reports
- Term dates
- Newsletters
- School information
- School meals
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