



Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to the autumn term edition one of the Curriculum Newsletter. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this term.

This term in Class 5 our topic will be
Penguins.



This week we had an **unexpected visitor**... it was a little penguin! We will be using our visitor as a stimulus for our lessons this half term.

Our English topic is all about exploring the author **Oliver Jeffers**. These books are wonderfully accessible. They explore themes of friendship, loneliness, independence and imagination. These books feature a small boy who sets off on a series of daunting quests! In **Lost and Found**, the boy heroically rows to the South Pole to help an unhappy penguin. We will be doing lots of drama and writing our own stories based on these interesting books.

Our **English** work will focus on stories by the same author, non-chronological reports and poetry.

Our **Maths** work this term will focus on number and place value - including greater and less than and the four operations.

In **RE** we will be finding out about the Creation Story. We will also be exploring Harvest.

This term, in **Science**, we will be learning about 'common animals'

In computing we will be learning about **text and images**.

Our **PSHE** will focus on **Creating Positivity** and our wellbeing, including attitudes to learning.

Our weekly **music** lessons will focus on **long and short sounds**.

PE this term will be on **Wednesdays** and we will be developing our Fundamental Skills. We will be going swimming on **Thursdays**, starting 17th September.

Please ensure your child has a full, **named**, PE kit in school each day which includes: a blue round necked t-shirt, plain black shorts, black pumps and for outdoors dark plain leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a plain sweatshirt or BLS hoodie and trainers.

How can I help at home?

Due to COVID we will be sending books home less regularly. Two reading books will be sent home on a Friday and collected in on a Wednesday to be quarantined before going back into circulation. Please spend time each evening reading with your child and **return their book and signed Reading Record to school every day**. If you would like further books these can be accessed through the Borrow Box App or Oxford Owl website for free.

Homework will be sent out on Friday to be returned the following Thursday. All children will receive phonics homework and spellings.

Unfortunately, we cannot chat informally on the playground or invite you into school unless by prior appointment. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to email me.

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Please **DO NOT** accompany your child into the cloakrooms at anytime. Report to the office with enquiries.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Garnett and Mrs Sissons