

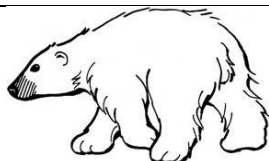
Waterbeach Community Primary School

Year 2 Penguins, Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes Team Letter

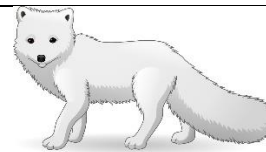
Spring 2025



Penguins
Miss Tod and Mrs Rogers



Polar Bears
Miss Grime



Arctic Foxes
Miss McGroary

The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the new term ahead. You will find details about home learning, reading books and other documents that you will be receiving to help you to support your child in their learning. There is also information about the exciting things that your child will be learning next year. A copy of this letter and other information will be posted on the school website. **We hope you all have a great Christmas break.**

EXCITING THINGS THE CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING IN THE SPRING TERM...

We have lots of brilliant learning to come in the Spring term. The first half of the Spring term we will be exploring our new topic 'Seaside Rescue'. As part of History, we will be learning all about Grace Darling and what makes her a hero. We will look at what different sources tell us about Grace's heroic act and compare sea rescue then and now. In Art, we will be learning about the artist George Seurat and the technique of pointillist painting. We will use his artwork, including 'Sunday on La Grande Jatte', to inspire us to create our own seascape painting. In Geography, we will be naming the four capital cities of the UK then exploring the different physical and human features of each.



In the second half of the Spring term our topic will be 'Into the Woods'. This will be a science-based topic focusing on learning about living things and their habitats before moving on to learn about animals including humans. We shall begin by learning what a habitat and micro habitat is then investigate our local environment and the animals that live here. We will then explore how the animals are suited to their different habitats and what the needs of the animals are. We shall focus on humans and why it is important for us to look after ourselves. In DT, we shall learn to sew and create our own minibeast toy.

As part of PSHE, in the first half term we will be learning how to work together and about financial capability. In the second half term we will be teaching Relationships and Sex Education; there will be more information to follow closer to the time.

More information about our curriculum

More information about the curriculum content can be found in our '[Curriculum Captures](#)' ([click here](#)) on the school website. These are useful for parents to see the content of what is being taught and to use this information to help support your child at home.

SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

8.40 – children come into class and settle into an early morning activity. An adult will greet the children at the Year 2 door.

8.45 – registration opens.
8:50 - the doors will close. After this time, children will need to come to the office to be signed in.
12.10– 12.55 – Lunchtime
3.15 – End of the school day



The children will have a 15-minute break during the morning and the afternoon.

Class Teachers & Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time

The table below shows who will be teaching each class throughout the week.

| | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri |
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| Penguins | Mrs Rogers | Miss Tod | Miss Tod Mrs Waddup | Mrs Rogers | Miss Tod Mrs Rogers |
| Polar Bears | Miss Grime | Miss Grime Mrs Waddup | Miss Grime | Miss Grime | Miss Grime Mrs Page |
| Arctic Foxes | Miss McGroary | Miss McGroary | Miss McGroary | Miss McGroary | Miss McGroary Mrs Toone |

Teaching Assistant Support

Throughout the week, the children will be supported by Mrs Waddup, Miss Rutherford, Mr Badcock, Mrs Badcock, Mrs Spring and Mrs Jurado.

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EATING & DRINKING

Children should bring a named bottle with **WATER ONLY** for them to drink during the day. Juice is not permitted to be drunk throughout the day (only with their lunch). Please, please do not put water bottles in book bags, we have had so many reading and home learning books ruined due to leaking bottles. You may wish to purchase a separate bottle carrier that attaches to the side of the book bag.

SNACK & LUNCH

Children will continue to have a fruit snack provided by the government. All children in Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. Please help your child to make their choice for school lunches by sharing the menu with them before school. [The school lunch menus can be found here.](#)

BOOK BAGS

Children should bring a suitably sized bag to school for their reading books. The school book bag or a small backpack are a good size for these items. The children have minimal space to store their items in a well-used corridor and large rucksacks are often hard to fit onto pegs. Items in the corridor can block the fire escape route.

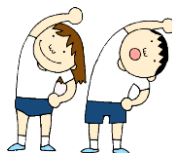
COATS

Children should have a coat in school daily as the weather is very changeable. The children will be outside if there is light rain so, please make sure they are prepared.

PE

PE days are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**

Children should have a PE kit consisting of: their house colour T-shirt, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper, spare socks (in case they are wearing tights) and a change of shoes for outdoors.



No jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. **If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.** If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised. We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING – even socks! As per the school policy, we record if a child does not have their PE kit with them and send a letter home if it is repeatedly forgotten.**

Forest School

Year 2 will be going to the woodland area on a **Tuesday**. **This will not be every week.** Please look out on the Weekly Newsletter sent via email for information on whether the children shall be attending the woodland area the following week. On these days children should come to school dressed in old clothes that are suitable for getting mucky and practical for activities such as climbing trees and den building **in all weathers** therefore dresses are not appropriate. Children should also bring a change of shoes, preferably wellies with them on these Wednesdays to wear whilst they are in the forest area. **Please make sure they wear their normal school shoes to school. Named wellies can be kept in school in a bag if you wish.**

BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

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| We are gentle | We are honest | We are kind and helpful |
| We try our best | We listen | We look after property |

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the [follow this link to the school website page.](#)

HOME LEARNING

Reading:

Each week the children will bring home a Little Wandle Reading book, or an image of the book for online eBook reading, linked to your child's phonic knowledge. This is a book that they should 'show off' and celebrate their reading with you after they have had three reading practise sessions in school. It is important to return this book to school every **Monday**. All children have access to eBooks which they can read at home. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have lost your login details for the eBooks.

Children will also bring a 'choice/sharing' book home from our library which we ask you to read **to** your child and share the pleasure of reading a book together. It is important to aim to read daily to your child and share the pleasure of reading and discussing books with them.

Here are some [comprehension questions](#) to ask as you read to further develop your child's understanding of what they are reading or of what has been read to them.

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Weekly Newsletter:

Every Friday in term time, you will receive a **Weekly Newsletter** via email. This is where we will share our learning for the following week so you can support your child. It will also contain important notices such as information on Forest School, school trips or school events. Please ensure you have shared your email address with the school in order to receive this email.

COMMUNICATION

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

Ways we can communicate:

School/team letters – letters are sent via email.

Weekly Learning Sharing – every Friday an email is sent out to give you an overview of what the children will be learning about the following week. This may also have important notices on.

Website – we hope the website is a good reference source. If there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

Email – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader. The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response then you can leave a message with the school office or send a note to your child's class teacher. If your child is in Penguins class, please include both teachers in your emails.

Penguins Class Teacher (Mon/Thurs/Fri) and Team Leader – Mrs Rogers – nrogers@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Penguins Class Teacher (Tues/Wed/Fri) - Miss Tod – itod@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Polar Bears Class Teacher – Miss Grime – sgrime@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Arctic Foxes Class Teacher – Miss McGroary – rmcgroary@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Appointments – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher, please contact them via email.

Concerns – if you have any concerns about an issue within the class, please email or speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Then, if needed concerns can be raised with the team leader, Mrs Rogers. If necessary, you may then wish to contact Mrs Ogilvie or Mr Lloyd.

Spring Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control, they may need to change.

[For term dates for the rest of the year follow this link.](#)

January

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| Monday 6 th | Training Day |
| Tuesday 7 th | Spring Term Opens |
| Monday 13 th – Friday 24 th | SEND Parents Meetings |

February

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| Wednesday 12 th – Thursday 13 th | Open Classrooms |
| Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st | Half Term |

March

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| Wednesday 19 th – Thursday 20 th | Parents Evenings |
| TBC | Year 2 trip (More details to follow) |

April

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| Friday 4 th | Spring Term closes |
| Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st | Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 22 nd | Training Day |
| Wednesday 23 rd | Summer Term Opens |
| Monday 28 th – Friday 2 nd | Sporting Fund Raiser |
| Monday 28 th – Friday 9 th | SEND Parents Meetings |