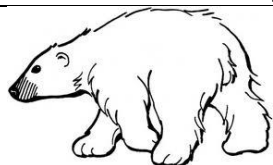


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Polar Bears
Mr Stafford



Penguins
Miss Gregory

What a busy term it has been, thank you for all your support. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2020!

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

We have lots of brilliant learning to come in the spring term with our new topic **'Into the Woods and Along the Coast'**. This topic will continue throughout the entirety of the spring term, focussing in the first half of the term on **'Into the Woods...'** and in the second half of the term on **'...and Along the Coast'**.

Into the Woods...

In Science, we will be 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 what a micro habitat is. We will investigate our local environment and the animals that live there, as well as looking at habitats around the world and why these habitats are suitable for animals to survive. We shall then go on to learn about animal lifecycles and food chains. In Design Technology, we will be working with textiles and developing our sewing skills. First, we will discover what makes a toy appealing before designing, making and evaluating our own sewn toy. In PE, we shall be linking and repeating different movements to create our own minibeast dances. In Music, we shall be listening to, playing and creating our own music on the theme of minibeasts as well as learning songs for our Year 2 performance.

...and Along the Coast.

In History, we will be learning all about Grace Darling, a lighthouse keeper's daughter, and her heroic actions saving multiple lives at sea. In Geography, we will be learning about the four capital cities of the UK and learning about their physical and human features. In Art, we will be learning about George Seurat and the art technique: pointillism. We will use his style to create our own piece of art. In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash to create our own music compositions. In PE, we will practise and develop our ball skills including co-ordination when dribbling and passing and we will perform ball, tall and wall movements in our gymnastics sessions.

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.

SNACK & LUNCH - Children will continue to have fruit snack at playtime provided by the government. All children in Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals.

TEACHER PPA PLANNING, PREPARATION & ASSESSMENT)

TIME

Mr A Stafford (Polar Bears) – Thursday pm covered by Mrs Page.

Miss C Gregory (Penguins) – Thursday pm covered by Mrs Jenkinson.

Teaching Assistant Support:

Mrs Hayward will be supporting Polar Bears in the mornings.

Mrs Adam will be supporting Penguins in the mornings.

SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

8.45 – Children can come into school via ramp to the mobile classrooms and settle into an early morning activity in their classrooms.

8.55 – The doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.

10.25 – 10.45 – Break time

12.10 – 1.10 – Lunchtime

3.20 – End of the school day



MUDDY MONDAYS

In Year 2 the children will continue to visit the woodland area on a regular basis (this may not be weekly) – in Year 2 it is known as Muddy Monday. We will communicate when Muddy Mondays are happening via the weekly learning sharing. 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. Dresses are not appropriate for Muddy Monday. Children should also bring a change of shoes, preferably wellies with them on Mondays to wear whilst they are in the forest area. Please make sure they wear their normal school shoes to school. Wellies can be kept in school if you wish.

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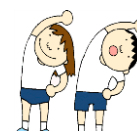
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PE

Outdoor PE – Wednesday Indoor PE - Friday

Children should have a PE kit consisting of: a **house colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper and a change of shoes for outdoors. Please also include a pair of socks if your child wears tights to school.** 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! As per the school policy, we record if a child does not have their PE kit with them, and sending a letter home if it is repeatedly forgotten.**

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.

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 school website – About Us/School Policies

HOME LEARNING

Spring Term Home Learning

Your child will bring a **home learning passport** home to complete with English, maths and topic related activities. Children can choose an activity to complete each week which is then recorded in their home learning book and brought into school for Wednesdays and books are sent home on Fridays.

The children should also be encouraged to use the **Mathletics** and **Timestable Rockstars** online resources to support their maths learning. They should have a copy of their username and password in their home school partnership diaries.

The children are also able to access **Purple Mash** online using their username and password which is the same as above.

Children will bring home a guided reading book each week chosen by the teacher. They will also bring home their home reading log; please feel free to write any relevant comments in the section next to the current book if you so wish. **It is important to continue to read regularly with your child as well as hearing them read and discussing their reading book with them.**

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 – where possible we would like to send all letters via email. There will be occasional letters that are sent out as paper copies.

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.

Penguins Class Teacher – Miss Gregory – cgregory@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Polar bears Class Teacher - Mr Stafford - astafford@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Team Leader - Mrs Ogilvie - logilvie@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

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

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. When necessary you may then wish to contact Miss Green.

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Spring Term Key Dates

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

January	
Monday 6 th January	Training Day for staff
Tuesday 7 th January	Children start back to school
Thursday 9 th January	PTA family film night
Thursday 16 th January	School Council litter dress up day
Wednesday 29 th January	NSPCC assembly
February	
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 2 Performance 5.00pm
Thursday 6 th February	Year 2 Performance 9.15am
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number day
Friday 14 th February	PTA Non-Uniform day
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
March	
Friday 6 th March	PTA quiz night
WC 16 th March	Parents open afternoon week
Friday 20 th March	PTA Discos
Tuesday 31 st March	Parent consultation evening
April	
Wednesday 1 st April	Parent consultation evening
Friday 3 rd April	PTA non uniform day PTA Easter egg bingo
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of term
Monday 6 th April	Training day for teachers
Wednesday 20 th	Term opens for children
Thursday 23 rd	PTA family film night