

Waterbeach Community Primary School

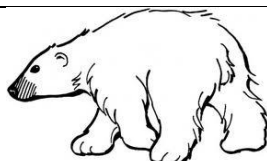
Year 2 Penguins, Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes Team

Letter

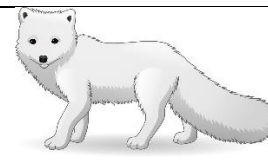
Summer 2024



Penguins
Miss Gregory



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 Easter break.**

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

We have lots of brilliant learning to come in the Summer term. Our topic for the whole term is **Africa vs Antarctica**.

As part of our Geography learning, we will be learning the seven continents and locating the hot and cold areas of the world. We shall then focus on Kenya's capital city Nairobi and its human and physical geographical features before comparing Nairobi to Waterbeach. In our Science learning will be working scientifically as we carry out an investigation into what a plant needs to grow. We shall plant seeds and watch them grow (or not) in different conditions. In PE we shall be practising our athletics skills including walking and running over obstacles, and throwing and jumping for accuracy and distance. In PSHE we shall be learning how to manage risks and be safe. We shall learn about road safety, sun safety and water safety and how encountering these risks makes us feel. In RE we shall be learning about the Sikh religion and how Sikh's contribute to the wider community. In Music, we will be learning about music around the world: 'Antarctica to Africa'.

After the May half term, we will be learning about the expeditions of Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Earnest Shackleton in our History lessons. We will learn how they travelled to Antarctica together first in the Discovery Expedition, then took on their own expeditions; the Nimrod Expedition (Shackleton) and the Terra Nova Expedition (Scott). In Design Technology we shall be designing our own vehicle using wheels and axles. In Art, we will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe and then work in the style of Georgia O'Keefe as we paint our own art work with differing shades and tints. In RE, we will be learning about the good news Jesus brings. In PSHE, we will learn how we can have a healthy lifestyle and in Music, we will be learning how to play the ukelele!

In PE, we will begin our swimming lessons during this term. Please look out for further information on which day we will be swimming as these may differ to our current PE days.

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 you 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.

12.00– 12.45 – 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

On Friday Miss Gregory, Miss Grime and Miss McGroary have their PPA time; the classes will be taught by Premier Sport, Mrs Toone and Mrs Page. Miss Gregory's management time and Miss Grime's ECT time will be covered by Mrs Toone and Mrs Langley.

Teaching Assistant Support

Mrs Toone, Miss Ash and Miss Rutherford will be supporting across the three classes in the mornings. There will be some teaching assistant support in the afternoons.

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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](#) is 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.

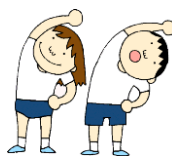
COATS

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 Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children should have a PE kit consisting of: their house colour T-shirt, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper 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.**



Welly Wednesday

Year 2 will be going to the woodland area on a Wednesday. **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.

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 linked to their 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**. Some children may access their reading text via an eBook in class and at home. All children have access to eBooks which they can read at home and this can be accessed on different devices as long as the children log out before trying to log in again. 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.

Online Learning Platform:

During this term, the children will be encouraged to continue to use our online platform **Mathletics**. Please look at previous Weekly Newsletters to know what maths topics we have taught in class then access tasks within these topics to embed your child's learning.

All children have access to **Collins 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.

Online Learning

There are suggestions for online learning on the school [website](#).

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.

Penguins Class Teacher and Team Leader - Miss Gregory – cgregory@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

Joint Team Leader – Mr Stafford astafford@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, Miss Gregory. If necessary, you may then wish to contact Mrs Ogilvie or Miss Green.

Summer 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.](#)