



# The Proud Penguins News

By Mrs Burton

## Summer 1 Newsletter

April 2024

Welcome back,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed being out and about when the weather was nice! The children have come back keen to learn and are enthusiastic about our new topics. Please see the other side of this letter to find out what we will be learning. If you have anything at home connected with our topics, we would love to share them.


Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check information meeting on Wednesday, I hope that you found it useful. If you would like any further information or were unable to attend and would like to know a little bit more, please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will be more than happy to answer your questions. I have given some advice below on the different ways you can support your child on the lead up to the phonics check.

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### Phonics Screening Check

After the half term (during the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> June) all Year 1 children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check. This check assesses children's ability to read words by blending known sounds together. Within school we are taking every opportunity to support your child with their phonics. Here are some things you can do at home to support your child with their phonics:





- Complete the phonics homework that is sent home from school, encouraging your child to say the sound they have learned and use our school reading routine to read the words
- When reading with your child, encourage your child to use the reading routine to break up words into sounds if they come to any new words/words they are unsure of.



### Reading Routine

Spot it      Segment      Read the word

Digraphs, trigraphs and split digraphs.



## Respect

Our Christian value for this half term is 'Respect'. We will be thinking about how we show respect to others in our whole school worship time as well as back in class with our class families. We will be sharing the 'golden rule' of 'treat others as you wish to be treated' with the children when thinking about respect.

### Dates to remember

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Marvellous Maths Workshop (details to follow)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Class photos & Eco Warriors meeting at 12:30
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed for the Bank Holiday
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Hygge event (details to follow)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Awareness week
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Reading Café
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Curriculum evening (details to follow)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closes 3:15pm for half term break

### School attendance matters.

As you are all aware regular attendance is vital and at our school we celebrate excellent attendance. Our target is 96%. The Penguins and I are very eager to win this prize so please can you ensure your child comes to school every day and on time whenever they are well enough.  
Thank you.