



Penguin Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Hello and welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your time over the Summer holidays. It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces in the classroom again and welcoming our new classmates. We are really looking forward to teaching you all this year.

Mrs Morgan will be teaching Penguin class on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Miss Barnes will be teaching Penguin class on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Please find below a quick overview of this term and key information for the term.

Curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens *Biography about Charles Dickens *Narrative *Recount *Letter *Ancient Greek report	
Maths	Place value *Reading and writing numbers up to 9999 *Place value of numbers up to 9999 *Comparing and ordering numbers up to 9999 *Negative numbers *Roman Numerals Addition and Subtraction *Adding and subtracting numbers up to 9999 *Using mental and formal methods to calculate *Using the column method	Measurement *Money – identifying coins and solving problems with money *Measuring capacity, mass and length *Measuring the perimeter of squares and rectangles *Measuring the area of squares and rectangles Coordinates *Reading and writing coordinates *Plotting points using the coordinates to create polygons *Identifying polygons using coordinates
Science	The Human Body *Cells and Nutrients *Teeth and Sense *Digestive system *Preparing to eat *Vitamins and Minerals	Classification of Plants and Animals *Introduction to classification *Classes of vertebrates: Fish and Amphibians *Classes of vertebrates: Reptiles, Birds and Mammals *Classes of invertebrates: Insects, Arachnids and Molluscs *Classification of plants
RE	What is religion? What is spirituality? *What is religion? *What is spirituality? *Christian spirituality *Non-religious spirituality *Sikh spirituality *My spirituality	Are all homes spiritual places? *Sacred pathways *Spirituality in Catholic homes *Spirituality in Jewish homes *Spirituality in Hindu homes *Making a home feel spiritual *Spirituality in our homes
Geography	Spatial Sense *Globes and the Tropics *Scale *Grid references *Our Local Area *Our Local Area: Changes over time	Mediterranean Europe *Key Places in Mediterranean Europe *Climate of Mediterranean Europe *Food and Farming *Landscape *Settlements
History	Ancient Greece *Ancient Greece: city states *Athens and Democracy *Sparta	

	*The Persian Wars *Alexander the Great *Greek Philosophy *Gods *Mythology *Art and Architecture *The Ancient Olympic Games *The Legacy of Ancient Greece	
Wider Curriculum	Art Space DT Sew – cushion In our DT lessons, we will design and make our own cushions. We will be practicing the running stitch, backstitch, and overcast stitch (whipstitch).	RSE *My emotions *Anti-bullying Please note that before any RSE topic is taught, parents will be provided with a detailed overview of what will be covered. French *Introduction to French *Musical instruments *Vegetables

Please refer to the following link as to what will be taught according to your child's year group.

[The national curriculum in England - Framework document \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612722/national-curriculum-in-england-framework-document-2014.pdf)

Homework

Spellings

Spellings will be emailed out every **Friday**. The children will then be tested the **following Friday**.

Times tables

Children will also be tested weekly on their **times tables**, including related division facts. The end of year expectations are as follows:

Year 3: 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s

Year 4: all up to 12x12

Reading

Alongside spelling and times tables practice, please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record in their reading records. Reading records will be checked every Monday morning. Reading books will be changed when needed; please bring your book into class and put it into the reading book basket. Free readers are welcome to read a book from home or school and change it themselves when needed.

PE

This year, PE days will be on a **Tuesday (whole class) and Wednesday (Year 4 only)**. **Children to bring in their PE kits and attend school dressed in their school uniform.**

Swimming

On **Wednesdays**, Year 3 children will go swimming instead of having PE. **Please note, this is a different day than previous years.** The bus for swimming leaves school at 9am so please ensure your child is at school with plenty of time to spare. If they miss the bus, you will either need to drop them off at the swimming pool or they will join in with the Year 4's PE lesson. For swimming, they will need a swimming hat and swimming goggles.

Tuesday – whole class PE lesson

Wednesday – Year 3s swimming, Year 4s PE lesson

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office by phone/email or Miss Barnes or Mrs Morgan on email (abarnes@filneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk or mmorgan@filneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk).

Thank you

Miss Barnes and Mrs Morgan

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