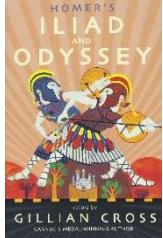


## Penguin Class Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Hello and welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. It has been great to see the children all back in class and ready to learn!

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

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	<b>Homer's Iliad and Odyssey by Gillian Cross</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biography of Gillian Cross</li> <li>• Character description - Odyssey</li> <li>• Narrative with dialogue – retell one of the stories</li> <li>• Recount – letter from Odysseus to Penelope</li> <li>• Geography report – describe Eastern Europe</li> </ul>	
Maths	<b>Place value</b> We are excited to be beginning 'Can do maths' this half term. We will be starting with a Place Value unit.	
Science	<b>Ecology</b>	<b>Sound</b>
RE	<b>Can spirituality make things better? (Non-religious world views)</b>	<b>Can spirituality make things better? (Religious world views)</b>
Geography	<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>UK: Northern Ireland</b>
History	<b>Life in Ancient Rome</b>	<b>The Rise and Fall of Rome</b>
Wider Curriculum	<b>Art</b> Design <b>DT</b> Build	<b>RSE</b> *Anti-bullying <b>French</b> *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://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-England-framework-document)

### Homework

#### Spellings

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



#### Times tables

Children will 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

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

PE days will be on a **Tuesday (whole class) and Wednesday (Year 4 only)**.

Children need to come into school dressed ready for PE.

## **Swimming**

On **Wednesdays**, Year 3 children will go swimming instead of having PE.

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.

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@tilneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:abarnes@tilneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk) or [mmorgan@tilneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mmorgan@tilneyallsaints.norfolk.sch.uk)).

Thank you

Miss Barnes and Mrs Morgan

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