



Puffins and Penguins

How things grow



Summer Term: Start date 23 rd April 2019	Summer Term: End date 19 th July 2019
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Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our PSHE this term is Peace for the Term 5 and Humility for Term 6.

In RE this term our focus will be Community-Islam.

How we will launch the topic:

We will begin by enriching our geography skills. Firstly we will focus on the United Kingdom and then explore the oceans and continents of the world.

Historically we will be finding out about Charles Darwin and his work with plants and we will be creating herbariums and designing our own bird feeders.

This will link with our science work on parts of a plant and testing how to grow a healthy plant.

Literacy

Puffins will be primarily looking at carnivals through film, stories and non fiction books and using it to feed into their written work. We are focusing on writing sentences and making labels and captions for pictures using our developing phonic skills.

Penguins will be looking at a range of non fiction texts starting with non chronological reports. We will be compiling fact files based on the countries that we have been researching in Geography. We will be creating instructive texts on how to care for plants and lastly writing a biography about the life and times of Charles Darwin.

Maths

Puffins: We are practising the skills we have learnt through the year, ensuring that we count with 1:1 correspondence and can begin to record our work.

Penguins: We will be consolidating our work on place value and multiplication and division facts. Introducing fractions of shape and number and looking at data through pictograms of trees in the school environment.

Maths and English is taught throughout the week. We ask that you read with your child at home every day to ensure that learning at school is reinforced at home for quick progress.

PE kits should be in school all week and PE sessions are on Friday with the following kit: plimsolls/ trainers, polo shirt, shorts, jumper/jacket and jogging bottoms. Please ensure these are all named. Children with pierced ears need to either remove their earrings before coming to school or can take them out themselves as they will not be allowed to do PE with them in, even with tape.

Puffins: Reception are swimming in Term 5 on Tuesdays. Please can you ensure that their kit is in school. We ask that the children do not wear their costumes under their clothes and put it on at the pool.

Please can children have a named pair of wellies in school so that we can go outside whatever the weather. They also need to make sure that they have a waterproof coat.



Take home task

This term we would like the focus to be on our plant topic. There is a range of things that you could do with this:

- Leaf/flower collage
- Grow a seed/ bulb and keep a diary
- Observational drawing of a plant/tree or any other creative ideas that you have.

Ideas to help your child at home for this term's topic

- Encourage your child to look at the plants and trees you see around you, naming them where possible and commenting on their features.
- Spend time looking at an atlas or map, talking about where we live.