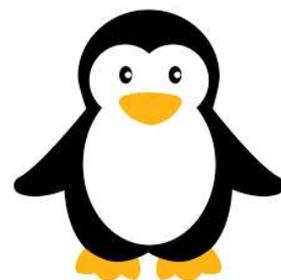


# Penguins Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had wonderful start to the new school term, and we would like to welcome back our existing families and a warm welcome to our new families.

## Topic

All about Autumn

## Talk for Writing Book

*Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins

**Personal, Social and emotional development:** Starting nursery, making friends, taking turns and sharing.

The children will be encouraged to play with others and to tell their friends about the things they like. We will continue to use the whole school Jigsaw scheme of learning to underpin the curriculum for personal, social and emotional development.

The Jigsaw theme for this term is being me in my world.

## Communication and Language

We will be learning lots of different nursery rhymes and songs. We will be talking about how to be a good friend, how to be kind and how to share. We will be sharing lots of stories and exploring different story language.

## Physical development

We will have a range of sensory activities and fine motor activities. The children will use scissors, mark making tools, threading and tweezer activities. Gross motor skills will be developed in the garden, for example, by using wheelbarrows, building with bricks and riding trikes.

## Literacy

Our talk for writing book for this term is '*Rosie's Walk*'. We will listen to the story and learn some matching actions, act out the story and make a story map. Phonics sessions will be based on phase 1 activities from Letters and Sounds.

## Maths

In maths we will be sorting, counting, recognising colours and shapes, looking at patterns and learning positional language.

## Understanding the world

We will be learning about harvest, looking at the features of Autumn and exploring natural collections. We will be learning about how we celebrate special events e.g., Harvest Festival, Bonfire night and birthdays.

## Expressive arts and design

We will be learning songs and rhymes and playing musical instruments. We will be using musical instruments and experiencing different types of media e.g., glue, paint, gloop. We will also be using role-play and small world activities to use our imaginations.

## Reading in Penguins

The Penguin team are very keen to continue to build on the foundations laid by all of you at home and build a life-long love of reading for all children.

Talking, storytelling, singing nursery rhymes and reading a variety of books to your child will develop listening, *communication and comprehension skills. They will build up a wealth of new vocabulary. We want to spark your child's imagination and show them that reading is fun!*

With that in mind we would love your children to borrow our books from Penguin class. When you have shared them with your child, please return them on either a Wednesday or Friday for others to enjoy and we will help your child choose another one. We sell Northbourne Primary School book bags through Parentmail. They cost £4 each and can be used *throughout your child's school journey at Northbourne. If you have a book bag at home you would prefer to use, that is fine* but otherwise we will give your child a plastic zipped wallet to put the books in.

*At the end of the week, we will also be sending home two 'reading buddy' toys. One is called Ollie Owl and the other is Gruffalo. If your child is given a reading buddy to take home, please share books with your child and the buddy. Please return on Monday with one of your child's favourite books that we can share with the whole class; this will then be returned to you at home after we have shared it.*

Myself, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sear are always happy to answer any questions about the curriculum or nursery routines. If it is tricky to catch one of us at drop-off or pick-up, please feel free to use our Nursery email account: [penguins@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:penguins@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk)