



Astley Primary School

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Dear Families,



Happy New Year and welcome back!

I would like to wish you and your child a very Happy New Year and hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break! We are looking forward to welcoming your child back on Wednesday 7th and for another exciting term together. A new year brings new opportunities, and we have lots to look forward to in Spring Term!

Curriculum:

The children will be following Pathways to Write for English and White Rose Maths for Maths in alignment with the National Curriculum. We will be using Cornerstones to follow a range of Foundation Stage topics (Science, History, Geography, D.T and Art).

<p>English</p> 	<p>Arthur and the Golden Rope</p>	<p>The Darkest Dark</p>	<p>French</p> 	<p>Healthy Eating, Going to the Market, Fruit Salad Recipe</p>	<p>Clothes, Colours, Fancy Dress</p>
<p>ACE Reading (RWI Phonics)</p>					
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>White Rose NUMBER Multiplication and Division Fractions Decimals and Percentages</p>	<p>White Rose NUMBER Decimals and Percentages MEASUREMENT Perimeter and Area Statistics</p>	<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Video Editing</p>	<p>Video Drawing</p>

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Driver Project 	Sow, Grow and Farm Geography 	Life Skills 	Keeping Safe	Rights and Respect
Geography 	Sow, Grow and Farm	PE 	Real PE Cognitive Games - Netball	Real PE Personal Real Gym
Science 	Properties and Changes of Materials <hr/> Forest School	RE Norfolk Agreed Syllabus	How do Buddhists demonstrate their faith to others based on teachings? (Buddhism)	Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday? (Christianity)
Art and Design 	Line, Light and Shadows Nature's Art	Music 	Make You Feel My Love	Fresh Prince of Bel Air
Design and Technology 	Eat the Seasons			

What to bring:

Your child should be arriving in school uniform, unless it is their PE day. A reminder there is a main event, jacket potato and pasta twirler option available each day for lunch, but if your child would prefer a packed lunch from home, please send them in with this. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school, so that they can keep hydrated. Please ensure your child's bottle is named and that it contains water as outlined in our school policy. We do have spare bottles if bottles are forgotten!

A reminder that resources and materials are provided and unless agreed upon as part of an individual learning plan, children **should not** be bringing in their own pencil cases. This also extends to toys and fidgets – unless your child has an individual learning plan and has been agreed with the class teacher and SENDCO, they need to stay at home.

PE:

During the Spring Term, children will be taught two hours of PE each week and need to come into school 'PE Ready' on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. As a reminder, PE kit should be a plain white or house team coloured t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. There should be no big logos or emblems, and no football kits. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days. On colder days you may want your child to wear a warmer top and

tracksuit bottom over the top. PE is an important lesson in the National Curriculum, and it is expected all children to participate. PE will start week commencing **Monday 12th January**.

Forest School:

During the Spring Term, children will be taking part in Forest School sessions every **Tuesday afternoon**. A separate letter was sent out by Mr Dart at the end of last term, but as a reminder, children will need to come to school on Tuesday in their PE kit or clothes suited to Forest School sessions (hardwearing and okay to get dirty). The children will be outside in all weathers, so please could you ensure that they have named wellies, waterproof coats and if possible, trousers when the weather is wet. **Forest School will start Tuesday 13th January**.

Reading and Homework:

Children will receive a new reading book each week (we will try our best to update reading books as soon as they are finished – please remind us!). We encourage children to read at home daily (this can be books from home, class reading area or library). Their completed reading books need to be recorded in their blue reading record and if possible, to be brought into school each day. Children will continue to have the opportunity to share their book during our ACE Book Share and may be put forward to receive a reading prize!

Children are encouraged to complete a maths times table sheet and spellings weekly. This will be collected every **Wednesday**. All children also have access to TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed if they wish to participate in extra practice. I'm incredibly proud of all the extra work the children are undertaking, and this is being noticed in their schoolwork and overall progress!

Reading volunteers:

In Year 5, we are continuing to promote a love of reading and improving our fluency! We are on the lookout for parent helpers who could volunteer some of their time to listen to the children read. Reading every day builds children's language, literacy and cognitive skills alongside boosting their imagination, creativity and empathy. Ideally, Monday and Friday afternoons would be great, but we would appreciate any time given. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in touch!

Drop-off and pick-up times:

A reminder of the following key timings and ensuring you are on the playground ready to collect your child at the end of the day. If for any reason you are unable to arrive at school on time, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We understand that your child may be starting to become more independent and more confident with travelling to and from school. A reminder that parental permission is needed and this needs to be in writing to avoid miscommunication.

Class:	Drop Off:	Pick Up:
Penguins	8:30am-8:45am	3:15pm

Home/School Contact:

Communication is extremely important to us, and I want to build a positive working relationship with each of you to best support your child. Please send us a note or feel free to make an appointment at the office if you have any worries or would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum or your child's education.

To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on X (previously known as Twitter) **@Astley_Primary5**.

Our weekly **Astley Advertiser** also gives key dates and information about what is happening in school.

Some important dates to remember this term:

Monday 12th January – I still have spaces available in my Reading Club which is still running every Monday from 3:15-4:15pm. This is a great opportunity for children to have a quiet space to read, 1:1 reading with an adult and building upon their fluency and comprehension skills.

Wednesday 4th March at 2:45pm – Penguins Class Assembly!

Thank you for your continued support and here is to a great start to 2026!

Yours sincerely,



Miss Edgeley
Penguins Class Teacher