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Astley Primary School

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Dear Families,



Welcome to Penguins Class and a new year at Astley!

I would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome to Year 5! I hope that you have had a fantastic summer break and are looking forward to an amazing year ahead. The Year 5 team are very excited to be teaching our new Penguins and providing them with enriching opportunities to flourish as life-long learners. This letter is to provide you with our class curriculum over the next term and additional information to help with a smooth start to the year. I value your support wherever possible!

The following adults will be teaching and supporting your child within the class:



Miss Edgeley -
Class Teacher



Mrs Pike -
Teaching Assistant



Miss Sayer -
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Alford –
HLTA

I will be teaching in Penguins full time alongside Mrs Pike who is supporting all of Monday and every afternoon, Miss Sayer who is supporting Tuesday and Friday mornings and Mrs Alford who will be teaching Thursday mornings.

Curriculum:

We're very lucky in Year 5 to have some incredibly fun, challenging and engaging topics! We will be following Pathways to Write for English and White Rose Maths for Maths in accordance with the National Curriculum. We will be using Cornerstones, Charanga, RE Norfolk Agreed Syllabus,

Primary Language Network, Teach Computing, SCARF and RealPE for our Foundation Subjects.
Our learning for Autumn Term can be seen below:

	Autumn Term		Driver Project	Dynamic Dynasties History		French 	Talking about us, School Subjects	In the City, Shopping, Festive Jumpers
	English	Queen of the Falls	The Lost Happy Endings			Computing 	Sharing Information Fact-file Databases	E-Safety
		Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls		History 	Dynamic Dynasties	Life Skills 	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference
				Geography 	Investigating Our World	PE 	Real PE Social Run, Jump Throw/OAA	Real PE Health and Fitness
	ACE Reading (RWI Phonics)		Science 	Forces and Mechanisms	Earth and Space	RE Norfolk Agreed Syllabus	Why is Wesak (Festival) important to Buddhists? (Buddhism)	What can we learn about the meaning of life from the great philosophers? (Multi/Humanist)
	Maths	White Rose NUMBER Place Value Addition and Subtraction	White Rose NUMBER Multiplication and Division Fractions	Art and Design 	Tints, Tones and Shades		Music 	Classroom Jazz 1 Singing Carols
				Design and Technology 	Moving Mechanisms			

What your child needs to bring:

Your child should come in school uniform unless it is their PE day (see PE section for further information). There will be a main event, jacket potato and paster twirler lunch options available, but if your child would prefer a home packed lunch, please send them in with this. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school to keep hydrated. Please ensure your child's bottle is named.

PE:

During the Autumn Term, Penguins will be swimming! Your child should come to school 'swim ready' on **Mondays**. Children should have their costumes with their PE kit over the top. 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. Swimming is an important life skill, and it is expected all children participate. Our swimming sessions start from **Monday 7th September**. Our other PE units will be completed during movement breaks throughout the term.

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). 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, 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 Emile if they wish to participate in extra practice (children's logins will be put in their reading records).

Drop-off and pick-up times:

Please be aware of the following key timings and ensure 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. Penguins Class will enter via the far door of the KS2 building (the usual KS2 entrance) to go straight to the cloakroom and will exit through this door to the playground at the end of the school day. We understand your child may be starting to become more independent and confident travelling to and from school by themselves. 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 of your child's education. If you are available to do so, we appreciate any volunteers to hear readers. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in touch!

To find out more about what we have been up to in class, please follow us on Instagram: **@astleyprimary** or our weekly **Astley Advertiser** also gives key dates and information about what is happening in school.

Important Penguin dates this term:

Tuesday 6th October – Class trip to Gressenhall to support our DT and Science topics. More information will be sent out shortly, but we are on the lookout for any support with this trip!

Wednesday 11th November at 2:45pm – Our class assembly!

Starting 14th September – I will be running an after-school Reading Club every Monday which is open to 25 Key Stage 2 pupils. This is a great opportunity to read 1:1 with an adult, develop reading for pleasure with access to different genres of books, improving comprehension and fluency skills alongside gaining a Blue Peter badge for Reading! If this is something your child would be interested in, bookings go live on Arbor on **Monday 7th September at 7pm!**

I cannot wait to welcome your child on Thursday and look forward to hearing all about their summer holiday.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J Edgeley
Penguins Class Teacher