

Penguins: Autumn 2 Newsletter

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Well done to the following children who had 100% attendance last half term:

Year 2: Elisha ,Thomas M, Rebecca, Jay R, Thomas R, Dylan S, Kacey , Summer ,and Ruby.

Year 3: Hannah B, Leonardo , Ellie D, Leo-Danny and Aleks.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

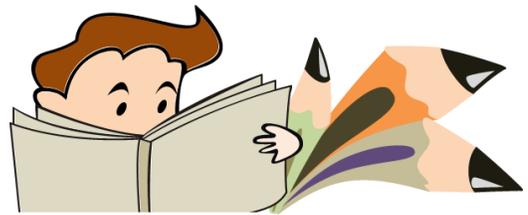
The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school on time for registration and having the correct uniform. Children additionally earn points through job roles, the wage of points is preparing children for their later life.

Children save points and spend them at the academy Swap Shop.
Pop in to see what your child could spend their points on.



English

As part of our English learning we have a 30 minute guided reading session four times a week and a 20 minute phonics or comprehension session four times a week. As a school we follow a writing cycle which allows the children to practice key skills such as punctuation, grammar and spelling. The children are also given the opportunity to up-level and improve their earlier piece of writing. We also use 'Talk for Writing' strategies to embed key vocabulary and develop story structures.



Maths

Classes have a daily Maths session and a short mental maths session. Children will be focusing on the following areas over this half term: number facts, addition and subtraction.

It is really important that children develop a good grasp of mental maths and develop these skills. We encourage lots of counting activities and practical work involving numbers. Children should be able to count on and back in steps of 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10. This builds a strong foundation for the multiplication and division facts. Therefore this is always a really good thing to practise with your children, to support them with their maths at home.

Maths is also taught through the Topic and children will enjoy using and applying their maths skills to solve problems during the afternoon sessions.

We have added yet more maths learning videos to our Estcourt Primary You Tube channel. They are short videos made for your children to support them with their learning by our teachers. **They can be found by searching our You Tube channel and their titles all start with SPTA Hull...**



Topic

This half term our topic will continue to be 'Myths and Legends' we will be looking at famous Greek myths such as Hercules and Pandora's Box. We will be using our foundation subject skills to complete map work, order historical dates, develop our art skills and design products for a purpose.



P.E. / Sport

We will have two PE sessions a week which will take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Children can bring outdoor kit for the Wednesday if you wish, please ensure appropriate footwear is sent on that day. The school policy is that no jewellery should be worn in PE for safety reasons. Please could you support us in this by removing earrings on PE days to save the need for taping over them.



Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- 10 Maths calculations: this goes out on a Friday and is collected in on a Wednesday.
- Spellings to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- Reading: each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Please ensure you bring their book back which can be changed on a Friday.



Uniform

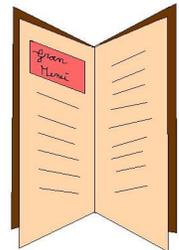
Could you please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked in each item of clothing as this helps greatly when things are lost, misplaced or unintentionally taken home by other children. Please check your child hasn't brought anything home by mistake. We may label uniform (not coats or outdoor shoes) if it is not clearly marked. If you do not wish for your child's uniform to be labelled, please contact the office to inform us.

As the weather is starting to change could you please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for playtimes and lunch times. We thank you for your continued support with this.



Clubs

Clubs have begun again already this term. Please encourage your child to participate in as many as possible. If your child would like to suggest a club that is not currently running, please send them to see Mrs Leslie.



Remember to keep up to date with us!



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Blog: estcourtprimary.net

The children love having comments left on the blog. A huge thank you to all of the parents that have been doing so over the last term. Please continue to develop your child's writing for a purpose by encouraging them to write from home.

Website:

www.estcourtprimary.org.uk

Purple Mash

We encourage the children to use Purple Mash. It is a learning tool which supports learning through fun games relating to Computing, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Literacy as well as PSHE and Celebrations and Faiths. **Access to Purple Mash is easy, there is a quick link on the academy website, in the Useful Links and Homework Help websites section.**

Children have been provided with a log in and password, if you have any queries about Purple Mash, please ask your child's teacher.