

What Red Class are learning:	Hints for helping your child:
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>We will be focusing on fiction and non-fiction texts about penguins. We will be reading <b>Looking After The Egg</b> and writing our own information about penguins. We will focus on the penguin life cycle.</p> <p>Throughout the term, we will continue to work on writing in a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop.</p> <p>We will continue to develop our knowledge of phonics and key words to support our reading and writing.</p> <p>We will be taking part in weekly guided reading sessions, in addition to individual reading.</p>	<p>Please try to read with your child every day. Encourage your child to respond to questions about the text and talk about the book they are reading.</p> <p>Read a range of stories and rhymes for bed time stories.</p> <p>You could research some information about penguins.</p> <p>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p> <p>Play English games online – <a href="http://www.ictgames.com">www.ictgames.com</a> <a href="http://www.topmarks.com">www.topmarks.com</a> <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.com">www.phonicsplay.com</a></p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be introducing the multiplication symbol and writing multiplication sentences. We will be learning multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times-tables and the related division facts.</p> <p>We will be counting money and learning to make amounts.</p> <p>We will be measuring, comparing and ordering lengths.</p> <p>We will be recognising, naming and sorting both 2D and 3D shapes. We will be describing their properties.</p>	<p>Encourage practical maths – finding shapes around the home and outdoors, counting, telling the time, helping to pay at the shops, helping with cooking.</p> <p>Please help your child to complete their homework on time.</p> <p>Play maths games online – <a href="http://www.ictgames.com">www.ictgames.com</a> <a href="http://www.topmarks.com">www.topmarks.com</a></p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Our Spring term topic is <b>Living Things and their Habitats</b>.</p> <p>We will be learning to identify living things and non – living things. We will learn about the characteristics of living things.</p> <p>We will be naming and recognising different plants and animals that live in the local environment.</p>	<p>Go on a nature walk and see how many different sorts of living things you can find.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p><b>We are Celebrating</b> - We will create a digital greetings card.</p>	<p>Look out for different types of text around you. Try writing and drawing in different ways, on and off the computer.</p>

<p>We will be developing our keyboard and mouse skills. We will find and select images. We will combine text and images.</p>	<p>Use tablets or computers at home but not too much! Encourage your child to use the computer sensibly and talk about internet safety.</p> <p>Support children to use Google and other search engines.</p>
<p><b>History</b></p> <p><b>Famous Monarchs</b> - This term we will be learning about famous royal monarchs in the UK. We will learn about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. We will identify similarities and differences between life in the past and now.</p>	<p>Talk about British Kings and Queens in the past. Look at pictures of monarchs. Visit Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court or The Tower of London.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b></p> <p><b>Our Island</b> – This term we will be learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will become familiar with the terms human and physical geography. We will contrast our local area with other environments in the UK. We will begin to understand how to follow a map.</p>	<p>Show children maps of journeys you are taking. Talk about different features in the environment when you visit places.</p> <p>Watch weather reports and discuss weather around the UK.</p>
<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>We will be exploring shapes, patterns and colours. We will be using drawing and painting techniques to create our own landscape pictures.</p>	<p>Talk about the work of different artists. Compare different styles.</p>
<p><b>DT</b></p> <p>Linking to our topic ‘Our Island,’ we will be designing and making Scottish sporrans.</p>	<p>Look at different types of materials and designs used in clothes.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> <p>We will be learning about food and fasting in religion. We will be learning about Easter.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about your beliefs and different beliefs. Encourage them to respect other faiths.</p>
<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>We will be learning some new songs this term and developing the ability to play rhythmic patterns from notation using percussion instruments.</p>	<p>Listen to music with different sounding instruments - identify the instruments. Encourage children to sing songs they have been learning at school.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>We will be doing gymnastics – our focus will be: balancing, travelling, jumping and rolling. We will be combining actions to make a sequence. We will also be doing multi skills.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to be active! There are lots of ideas on <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/change4life">www.nhs.uk/change4life</a></p> <p>Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit and all clothing is clearly named.</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>Our focus will be on health and wellbeing. We will learn about the importance of keeping fit and staying healthy.</p>	<p>Talk with your children about safety at home and on the road. Practise how to cross the road safely.</p>

### Additional Useful Information

- **Reading books** - Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and book bag in school every day as we will read and change books throughout the week. Please read with your child for 10 minutes every day. Please write a brief comment in the yellow reading record to show that the book has been read.
- **Homework** – Homework will be sent home every Thursday. Please return the completed homework the following Tuesday. Please support your child with their homework, whilst encouraging some independence too.
- **Communication books** – Please write a brief description of something you have done over the weekend in the orange home / school communication book. This will help us to support your child when talking about their weekend news on a Monday morning.
- **PE** – PE will take place every Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Your child will need to wear a t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers.
- **Water bottles** - You may provide a water bottle from home for your child. Alternatively, we have water bottles for each child at school. Water bottles will come home each day for cleaning and refilling.
- Please check your child's book bag every day for letters or messages from the school.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE kits and coats, are clearly named. Thank you.
- If you need to contact us for any reason, you can use the school email: [general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk)



# John Ruskin School Parents' Information Leaflet

## Spring 2024 Red Class

Theme – Our Island

*Celebrating 10 years of being an Ofsted Outstanding school  
across all Key Stages Nursery to Year 6  
2009-2023*