#### Welcome back

Happy New Year!
Welcome to the Spring Term. We hope you find these pages a useful overview of the learning planned for the Penguins over the next two half terms.

## Topic themes

Our themes this term are:

#### Spring 1

What happens 'Once Upon a Time...?'

#### Spring 2

What makes animals amazing?

#### Literacy

In Literacy we will begin by exploring the traditional tales 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. During our animal topic we will study 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. We will use these texts to practise our comprehension skills and to inspire our writing.

# Maths

We will continue to strengthen our understanding of the composition of numbers to 5 as well as exploring the numbers 6 and 7 and the concept of '5 and a bit'

We will explore 3d shape as well as finding out about how we measure mass, length and capacity.

### Communication and Language

We will continue to provide a language rich environment that promotes high quality interactions and use of vocabulary. We will focus on developing the children's ability to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions across all areas of the curriculum.

### Understanding the world

We will explore the season of Winter and talk about the changes we see during this time. We will explore different countries and oceans focusing on where different animals live and why they live there. We will explore the Christian festival of Easter learning about how and why it is celebrated.

#### Physical development

We will continue to develop fine motor skills through different activities that prepare the children to write recognisable letters. We will develop our gross motor skills by playing outdoors and in PE sessions with coaches Adam and Harry.

# Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to build positive relationships with each other and think carefully about ways we can make and maintain friendships and resolve conflicts. In our PSHE lessons we will focus on managing our feelings and staying healthy.

#### Expressive arts and design

We will learn how to create recognisable representations of animals using different media and techniques. We will explore different puppets before designing and making our own. We will then use them to retell familiar stories and songs to our friends.