Puffins Weekly Overview 2026. Term 2 Week 1

How did we do all this in 4 days? Super work Puffins!

Friday 6th November	This week we have been learning about …
English	▪ Reading for Pleasure: We haven't made very much progress reading 'The Last Chance Hotel' by Nicki Thornton – there's so much going on. Hopefully we'll get a bit further next week. ▪ Spelling focus: Regular practise of personal spellings and high-frequency words. ▪ Handwriting: We practiced more diagonal joins to an ascender: ai. ay ▪ Writing: At the start of the week, we identified nouns, adjectives and verbs in the mountain setting; and wrote sentences beginning with expanding noun phrases. ▪ Then with Mrs Washington, we have enjoyed a reading comprehension on 'Doctor, doctor' jokes and started a sentence stacking unit based on the picture book 'Flood' by F. Villa Alvaro.
Maths	<u>Multiplication and Division</u> We have covered our final times tables: the 11x and 12x. We have used multiplication grids to solve a tricky bonfire-night colouring puzzle. We have used a clever trick to calculate large multiples of 11 – *ask your child and see if they can calculate 34 x 11 or 62 x 11 in their heads!* Facts of the Day – see below…
Other Curriculum Areas	• Music – Mr Parker is so impressed with them – we have so many talented musicians! He began to show them how to place their first finger on the A string to play the note B – more next week! Do perfect Marching Men on Seesaw and practise lovely long bows on open strings. • PE – we have started tennis and badminton • Science – Is it a solid, liquid or gas? • Computing – How do I program on Hopscotch? • Art – another busy art afternoon, painting our clay pyramids and decorating our cat mummies. The decorated papyrus paper we made has made a lovely display by Mr Raynor's room – but you need to be inside school to see it! • RE – What is 'The Gospel' in the big story of the Bible? School Council discussion on the British Value of Individual Freedom.

News and reminders



We are looking forward to seeing you at our parents evenings next week. Do please mention anything important up straight away, because the 10 minutes always flies by! It will be great to show you their work so far and talk about how they've settled into Puffins.

Please practise tables regularly at home**. TTRockstars** is very good because it will give them practise with facts in increasing order of difficulty and get them used to the format, but pencil and paper or verbal practise are also great, especially with your involvement.

Facts of the Day – Random children will have the chance to win a prize every day if they can recall these quickly – this really works – please join in, asking them the new fact each day and how we discussed they should remember it. Then go over and over them until they 'just know them'.

Fact 1 7 x 3 = 21, fact 2 12 x 3 = 36, fact 3 3 x 3 = 9, fact 4 5 x 5 = 25, fact 5 4 x 4 = 16.

fact 6 8 x 2 = 16, fact 7 8 x 12 = 96, fact 8 4 x 3 = 12. Fact 9 8 x 8 = 64.

New - Fact 10 8 x 3 = 24, fact 11 6 x 4 = 24, fact 12 12 x 4 = 48.