



# Penguin Class Newsletter

Another very busy term is over and it's hard to believe we're nearly half way through Year 2. We have had a brilliant term; highlights being our visit from the firefighters and making our own fire trucks in DT. Thank-you for all the Home Learning that has come in based on our 'Great Fire of London' we have really enjoyed looking at it. Our last day of term has been spent celebrating with Mrs Harris as she leaves to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the best in this very exciting new chapter and we can't wait to hear of the safe arrival of Little Miss Harris and learn of her name (we have had a few guesses!)



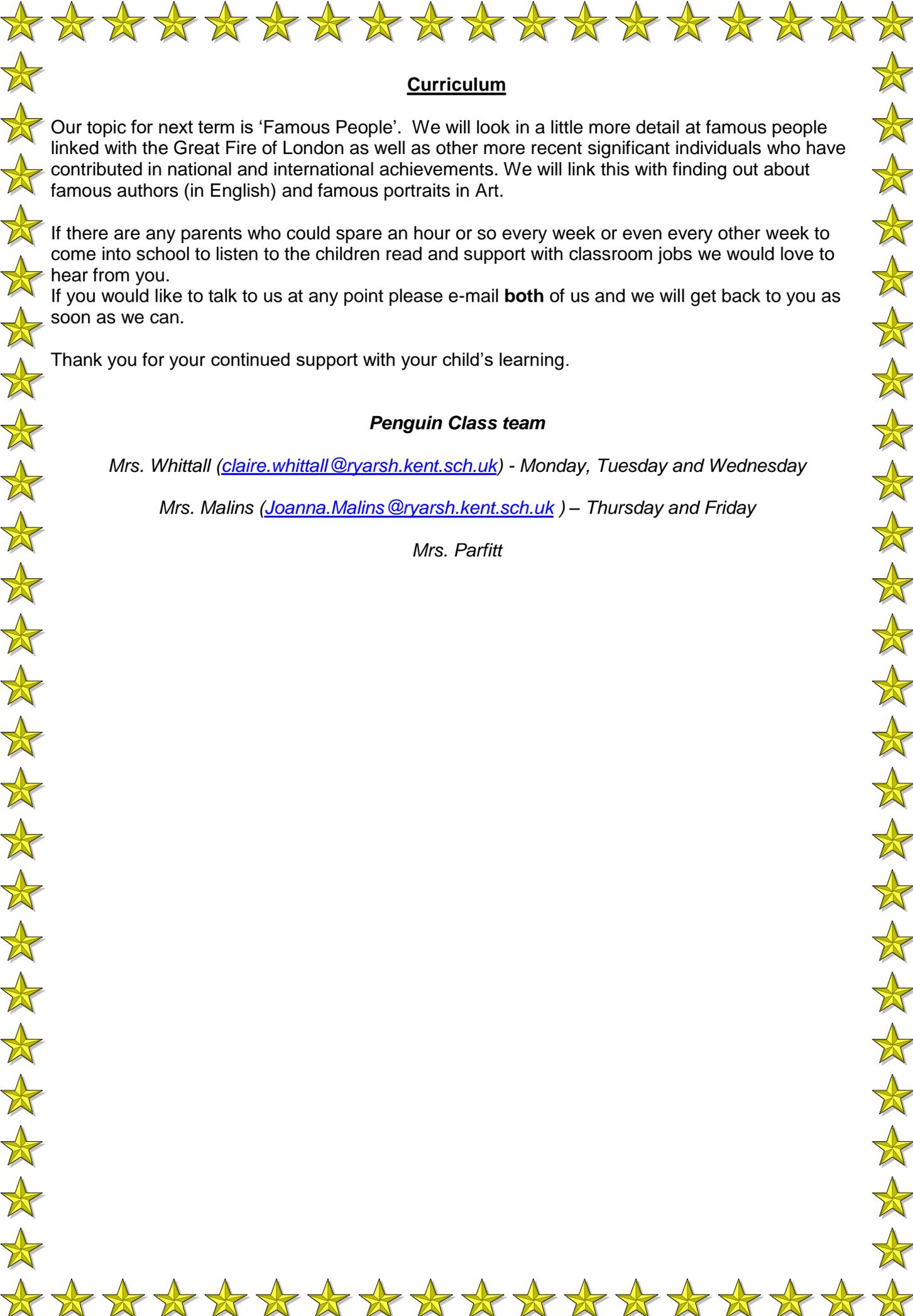
With the departure of Mrs Harris comes the exciting arrival of Mrs Malins into Penguin Class. Mrs Malins has been teaching at Ryarsh for the last 7 years and has had recent experience in Year 2. We have spent some time together chatting through new and exciting ideas for Penguin class and can't wait to work as part of the same team.



Mrs Whittall will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Malins will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Parfitt continues to be in the classroom full time.

We have decided not to set any specific Home Learning over half term, though it would be great if the children could still read and practise their times tables regularly.

There will be no topic Home Learning next term as some weeks we may give the children slightly longer English or Maths tasks as we start to prepare the children for the KS1 SATs assessments in May (more information on these to follow). This will be alongside the usual weekly times table practise. Also this term we will be setting spellings each week. Spellings will be set on a Wednesday and be tested on a Monday. More details will be given out the first week back after half term.



## Curriculum

Our topic for next term is 'Famous People'. We will look in a little more detail at famous people linked with the Great Fire of London as well as other more recent significant individuals who have contributed in national and international achievements. We will link this with finding out about famous authors (in English) and famous portraits in Art.

If there are any parents who could spare an hour or so every week or even every other week to come into school to listen to the children read and support with classroom jobs we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to talk to us at any point please e-mail **both** of us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

### ***Penguin Class team***

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*Mrs. Parfitt*