



**Pine Class Curriculum Update**  
**Spring 2 - February 2026**

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring Term 2, we hope you all had a good half term break.

Our topic this term is 'Let's Explore!' and we are really looking forward to an exciting few weeks ahead with your child!

Thank you for your continued support



*Mrs Bissett and Mrs Bush*

**Inquiry Question - Let's Explore!**

Exploration and Discovery

**Foundation Stage Early Years Curriculum**

Central to our early year's curriculum are the three key characteristics of effective early learning,

**Playing and Exploring**

**Active Learning**

**Creating and thinking Critically**

As a school we have adopted an inquiry curriculum which alongside our characteristics of effective learning enables pupils to be active in their learning process. Our curriculum allows them to engage with an idea or topic in an active way, asking questions and being curious.

**Learning Skills**

Through our inquiry we continue to teach specific learning skills. Children are recognised for these skills through the weekly Learning Skills Class award. The skills we encourage children to develop are: **Thinking, research, communication, social and self-management skills.**

**Communication and Language**

- Daily circle time
- Speaker of the Day - Daily question time
- Talking Partners
- Helicopter Stories - stories created by pupils, scribed by an adult and retold in class.

**Maths**

- Subitising and partitioning numbers 6-10
- Doubling
- Odd and even numbers
- Pattern in numbers

## Literacy

### Comprehension and Word Reading

- Daily Class read
- Group Read
- Daily Nursery Rhymes
- Story sacks
- Stories from around the world
- Stories linked to our topic
- Fact Finding in Reading Carousel
- Phoneme Spotters
- Level 3 revision and 4 Twinkl Phonics
- Hot seating

## Literacy

### Writing

- Story Mapping
- Mark making areas in Continuous Provision - Inside and outside Literacy shed and table
- Story Maps/Hot Seating
- Stories from around the world.
- Animal Fact Files
- Writing simple sentences and statements.
- Poster designing and writing.
- List and instruction writing.

## Understanding of the World

- Homes around the world
- Cultures around the World.
- Animals from around the World - Animal Fact Files
- Climates around the World - Hot and cold climates
- Seasonal change - Signs of Spring - Spring walk - I can observe closely like a Scientist!
- Holi Workshop
- Easter Workshop
- Baking - Change of state.

## Forest School

- Changes in the seasons
- Mud Kitchen
- Den building

## Computing

Beebots, Code a Pillars and iPad

## PSHE

- Axbridge Emotions Toolkit.
- Celebrating Difference - JIGSAW unit of work.

## Physical Development

### Fine Motor Skills

Dough Disco, Pen Disco, funky fingers, handwriting, threading.

### Sports Masters

Games

### PE

Ball Skills, Dance and Yoga

## Expressive Art and Design

- Music from around the world, Sparkyard
- **Number Time**
- Singing with expression
- Hear, draw and sing melody shapes
- Daily routine songs and rhymes
- Art from around the world, printing and painting
- Junk modelling
- Designing and making resources for our Role Play Areas

## Tapestry

### On line Learning Journal



We really enjoy sharing and celebrating all your children's achievements and interests. In Pine Class, we ensure that this is a special part of our school day. Please keep uploading all your child's wow moments!

