



Pine Class Newsletter
Spring 2026

Welcome back!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Spring Term. Thank you very much for your gifts, cards and well wishes before the holidays it was very kind of you. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and wish you a very Happy 2026.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Bissett and Mrs Bush

Inquiry Question - Why is the World special?

Community and Citizenship focus

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

- Number Sense - Subitising numbers 6-10
- Positional language number songs/rhymes.

Literacy

Comprehension and Word Reading

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

Literacy

Writing

- Story Mapping
- Mark making areas in Continuous Provision - Inside and outside Literacy shed and table
- Traditional Stories - Story Maps/Hot Seating
- Stories from around the world?
- 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.
- Climates around the World - Hot and cold climates
- Seasonal change - Signs of Spring - Spring walk - I can observe closely like a Scientist!
- Chinese New Year workshop
- Holi Workshop
- Easter Workshop
- Baking - Change of state.
- How can we help the environment?

Forest School

- Changes in the seasons
- Mud Kitchen
- Den building

Computing

Beebots, Code a Pillars and iPad

PSHE

- Axbridge Emotions Toolkit.
- Healthy Me - JIGSAW unit of work.
- Daily Circle Time
- Daily Acts of Kindness

Physical Development

Fine Motor Skills

Dough Disco, funky fingers

Sports Masters

Gymnastics

PE

Ball Skills, Dance and Yoga

RE

Christian Value - Love

Special Places

Expressive Art and Design

- Music from around the world, Sparkyard
- Daily routine songs and rhymes
- Art from around the world, printing and painting
- Junk modelling
- Clay penguins
- Designing and making resources for our Role Play Areas
- Terrarium climate - shoe box art
- Observational Drawings

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!



Further information about reading



Book change

It's really important children continue to read as much as possible outside of school. Reading books will continue to be changed frequently throughout the week. Please make sure that you have listened to and checked your child's understanding of their reading book. When finished, please sign, recording any comments in the Reading Record Book. There are some suggestions at the front of each Reading Record book for discussion points with your child.

Reading Awards



The reading awards scheme has been popular amongst our pupils and has had a positive impact on the quality, enjoyment and engagement with reading. It will continue again this term, here are some reminders.

1) The books that are counted towards the awards have to be books from the school reading scheme.

2) We have revised the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum requirements.

- Bronze - Read 50 times
- Silver - Read 100 times
- Gold - Read 150 times
- Platinum - Read 200 times

Pine Class Library Books

Children will choose a book from our Pine Class Library each Friday to bring home and share with you, these books will be changed weekly.



Life in Pine Class

It has been wonderful to see the children start back after the break with such a positive attitude and to see how quickly they have settled back into our classroom routines.

Billy Bear

It's been great to introduce Billy Bear to the class and see the exciting things that he has been getting up to at the weekends. We have enjoyed sharing in class with the children. Please do share any photos via class dojo or Tapestry. Billy Bear will continue to come home with children each week.

Fruit and Milk Scheme

Reception children will continue to receive a piece of fruit or vegetable everyday under the Government scheme. You can also order milk for them if you wish (see the office for details or the link on the school website).

Learning Conversations

It's been great to see children engaging with the learning conversations and the work and discussions children have been having at home around their school learning. Please do encourage and support your child to complete these as they are a useful way to help them cement their learning and share their school week with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Reception Phonics

This term we will be continuing with Level 3 of our phonic programme 'Twinkl Phonics'. This will be delivered daily, through short lessons in which will introduce a different phoneme/initial sound each day, play sound games, learn to blend and segment words using our sound knowledge and learn our tricky words. This term we will be revisiting the Consonant digraphs ch, sh, th, ng and the Vowel Digraphs ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure and er. We will be learning the tricky words to, the, go, no, I, into, we, she, he, me, my, they, was, her and all.

Games/PE

Pine class have Games on Monday with our Sports Coaches and PE on Tuesday with the Reception Team. On a Monday and a Tuesday your child can wear their kit to school. Please ensure your child has warm clothing e.g. jogging bottoms and track suit jacket/jumper to wear.

Reception Forest School

Reception children will continue to have Forest School on a Thursday with Ms Groves. Please can your child bring a named waterproof coat, wellies, hat and gloves.

Information

In our endeavours to help our environment we will be aiming to send as much communication as possible via our digital platforms. Therefore, please refer to the School Jotter app and your Class Dojo accounts to receive up-to-date information.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns regarding school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are all looking forward to an exciting Spring Term with your child.