

Pine Class Newsletter

Summer 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

This term we are very busy in Pine Class with many exciting events including cricket training and outdoor learning on a Wednesday and swimming on a Thursday. There will be no additional PE on a Friday.

In Literacy we are going to be writing short stories about nature to enter into a trust-wide writing competition. We are using the book, "The Secret Sky Garden," as our inspiration and the children have already been thinking of ideas for their own versions.

This week in maths we have started a new block on statistics, including tally charts, tables and block diagrams. We collected data about things we saw outside and will be learning how to present it in different ways. Here are some of our tally charts!

Two hand-drawn tally charts on lined paper. The top chart has columns for 'Tally Marks' and 'Total'. It contains several rows of tally marks and numbers. The bottom chart is similar but less complete.

	Tally Marks	Total
Blue		4
Red		4
Green		4
Yellow		4
Purple		4
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In our foundation subjects we are learning about habitats in Science and comparing the UK with Kenya in Geography. RE is all about Christian prayer and in RSHE we are learning how to keep healthy and safe.



Here are some of the habitats we found around school!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday afternoon will be Outdoor Learning please ensure you have suitable clothing & footwear

Mrs Ball

Pine Class Teacher



Years 1 and 2 Learning Plan – Summer Term

<p>English</p> <p>At the beginning of the Summer term children will be entering a short story competition. They will then focus on writing units that help them to write a non-chronological report and then a journey tale.</p> <p>We will be finishing the school year off with some poetry writing!</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>During the Summer term children will be taught about recognising and using money, including making totals and giving change. They will begin to explore fractions by demonstrating their understanding of halves, quarters and thirds.</p> <p>After half term we will focus on telling the time, demonstrate our understanding of measures and reading scales and finally use vocabulary related to position and direction.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>How are animals and plants adapted to their habitats?</p> <p>We will learn about local habitats for wildlife including those found on the school grounds. Then look at habitats across the world and how plants and animals are adapted to live in them. Finally, we will investigate food chains and what happens if one part of the food chain disappears.</p>	<p>Geography/History</p> <p>How is life different for children across the world?</p> <p>We will compare the country of Kenya and the daily life of a child there with our own lives.</p> <p>After half term we will discover how Florence Nightingale changed nursing and how her legacy still shapes nursing today.</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>We will be learning about patterns in art and how to recreate them.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Learning about how data can be categorised and added to programs on a computer.</p> <p>Then we start to learn basic coding using Scratch Jr.</p>	<p>R.S.H.E.</p> <p>We will learn about ways in which to keep our bodies and minds healthy and learn relaxation techniques.</p> <p>After half term we will learn about dental health, water safety and sun safety.</p>	<p>R.E.</p> <p>In RE we learn first about how Christian's pray to God and worship him and then move on to find out about the Jewish tradition of Mitzvah.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>We will learn how to create music using untuned instruments (percussion) thinking about tempo, beat and rhythm.</p> <p>Then after half term we are learning about National Anthems, the tradition, lyrics and music and the differences between the anthems of different countries.</p>	<p>Homework</p> <p>We encourage children to read regularly and practice their times tables.</p>	<p>P.E. Day</p> <p>Swimming will be on a Thursday for the first half term (16th April – 21st May).</p> <p>Mendham: We have cricket on a Wednesday and after half term PE will go back to a Friday. Children can come to school in PE kits on those days.</p>	<p>P.E.</p> <p>In PE we will be going swimming to learn water safety and essential swimming skills.</p> <p>After half term the focus will be on keeping healthy and how exercise can help us achieve that.</p>