



Welcome Back To School!

Welcome to Pine Class or welcome back to Pine Class! I hope everyone has had a great summer full of fun and rest. I also hope that you're all now happily back into the school routine. Everyone at school, including myself, is excited for the year ahead. We have had a great first couple of weeks in Pine Class as the children have been doing really well with getting used to all of our rules and high expectations of behaviour and quality of work.

If you would like to know about the different rewards we have in class for positive behaviour and attitudes, I will explain this and more in the 'meet the teacher' evening on Thursday 25th September.

It would be lovely to see parents here on that evening. It is an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

If you cannot make it or would like to talk at any other time, please email me, call the school to arrange a convenient time, or do feel free to catch me at the end of the school day.

Pine Class Rules

Be respectful

Be ready to learn

Be safe

Work as hard as you can

Timetable

If you are wondering what a typical school day looks like for your child, our weekly timetable is below. History and geography alternate each term starting with history and next term we are doing geography. Also, as you can see, PE days are Wednesday and Friday so the children will need to wear their PE kits on these days.



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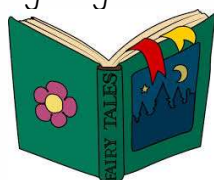
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Pine Class Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45	Respond to green pen	Respond to green pen	Respond to green pen	Respond to green pen	Respond to green pen
9:00	Spelling	Handwriting	Spelling	Handwriting	Spelling
9:15	English	English	English	English	English
10:15	Collective Worship	Collective Worship	Singing Assembly	Key Stage Collective worship	
10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:45	Times Tables	Times Tables	Times Tables	Times Tables	Times Tables
11:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Reading For Pleasure	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Reading For Pleasure	Reading For Pleasure
13:20	Reading Fluency	French/music	RE	Science	Celebration Assembly Computing
14:15	PSHE	Art/ DT	PE	History/Geography	PE
15:00	Story	Story	Story	Story	Story

Home Learning

Reading

It is so important for the children read as much as possible. It is massively beneficial for them. It helps them to not only improve their reading, but also their spelling and writing as well as their knowledge and understanding of the world. Therefore, as you can see in the timetable, the children read every day in school. It's also strongly suggested that the children read every day at home, whether it be before or after school.



We understand that schedules can be busy and sometimes it's difficult to fit this in. In Pine Class, if your child reads 4 or more times a week and it's recorded in their reading record (Adult or child can write in this- date, pages read or how long they read for, and a comment about the book or the reading), they earn a book point. Book points collected can be spent in the book points book shop (exclusive to Pine Class) on books, stationary and some other little trinkets. The book points bookshop happens in term 2, 4 and 6.



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It is also important for children to be read to by an adult at home as this will encourage a love of reading.

Children can take reading books home from school to read. We do just ask that these books are looked after and must be returned to school when they are finished with.

Times Tables

Times tables are an important aspect when the children get into KS2. They are tested on them at the end of year 4 but more important than this, knowing their times tables as early as possible will equip them with basic facts for other maths areas and will support the four operations.



Times Table Rock Stars is a free app that you can download onto smartphones and tablets. You can also just go onto the website. The children have logins. I will send the logins home with them too. It is a really fun and effective way to learn your times tables. I will be setting tournaments up on there as well to make it competitive and to motivate them.

Please ensure that your child practises their times tables for 15 minutes, 4 times a week or as much as possible. This could be on the iPad or alternatively, I can provide resources that don't require a screen if you would prefer.

Homework

Homework will begin in a couple of weeks. The children will take spellings home to learn and we will have a test in class each week.

Thank you for your anticipated support. I always enjoy working with parents/carers so I look forward to continuing the learning journey with you all this year. If you'd like to speak with me outside of school hours regarding your child, please can I ask that you send me a message on the Pine Class email or contact the school office by telephone or email. Alternatively, feel free to catch me at the end of the school day for a chat. I can't wait for the year ahead!