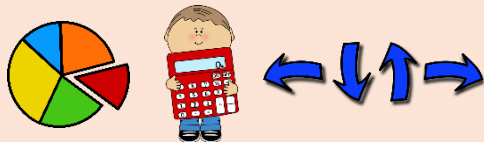


Mathematics

Reception:

This term in Maths, Reception children will be continuing to explore numbers to 10 and will begin to look at some numbers beyond 10. Later in the term the children will be comparing numbers, looking at using words like "bigger/greater" and "smaller/less than". We will also be looking at position and direction.



Year 1:

In Year 1 the children will be continuing to secure their understanding of addition and subtraction, looking at calculating in a range of ways with bigger amounts. Later on in the term the children will begin to explore fractions, focussing on halves and quarters. We will also be looking at position and direction.

Science

In Science this term, we will starting a new topic of seasonal changes. As part of this, the children will begin to name, observe, discuss, describe and talk about the 4 seasons. This will also mean looking at areas including: the weather, seasonal clothing, festivals/celebrations, ordering the seasons, measuring temperature, weather and climate across the world and animals.



History

This term, we will be focussing on History. Within this unit, the children will be learning about the history of Space Travel. In this unit, the children will create a timeline to show how space travel has developed, create a space and astronaut fact file, learn about the moon landing, Neil Armstrong and look at what the future holds for space exploration!



Reception and Year 1
Pine Tree Class



Miss Vincent
Term 3 Newsletter

Remember to access updates and class information on our school website.

Phonics

Children will take part in daily phonics lessons, aiming to develop their knowledge of letters, sounds and how to apply these skills in both their reading and their writing. Children in Reception will be receiving phonics lessons as a group in Term 1, whereas Year 1 children have been grouped according to their current level of phonetic awareness.

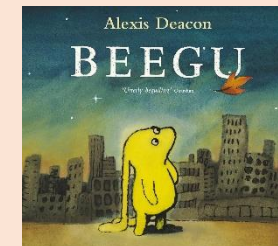
- If your child is in Reception, they will begin to receive simple words and sound blending books linked to the sounds we have been learning in class
- Children in Year 1 will be sent home with books matching their colour level from the end of Week 1 onwards.

Please let us know if you would like additional green words, red words or nonsense words for your child to practise at home.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

English (Year 1):

In English the children will be reading the story of Beegu. Throughout the term the children will use this lovely story to explore letter writing, character and setting descriptions, and later go on to write their own sequel story! We will also be looking at writing instructions. In spelling, punctuation and grammar the children will be looking at past and present tense, prefixes and suffixes.



Computing:

This term the children will be continuing to work on their general computer skills. They will continue to practise to logging in and out of a computer and how to use a computer safely. The children will also continue to work on their digital writing skills, exploring the different parts of the keyboard and developing their confidence when writing on a computer.



Art & Design

In Art this term, the children will be learning about the famous artist, Piet Mondrian. As part of this, children will be able to name the primary colours, use sketching, colouring and painting to replicate and create their own Piet Mondrian artwork and also use digital technology to create pieces of artwork.



Physical Education

This term, the children will be focussing on Football and Dance/Gymnastics. Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct PE kit, this includes ensuring children are able to remove/cover jewellery.



This term, PE will be on **Monday and Thursday**.

Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will be exploring the question: What do some religions say about caring for other people and the world? Throughout this unit the children will be thinking about all the ways we care for people and the world around us and how different religions show care.



Early Years:

Children in Reception will be working towards achieving their Early Learning Goals by the end of the academic year. These goals are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Physical Development

Children will be developing these skills through participating in curriculum lessons, as well as through self-directed learning opportunities throughout the day.

PSHE

Using the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work, this term's focus is Dreams and Goals.



Music

In addition to our whole school music & singing assembly, the children will have a weekly music lesson. This term the children will be focussing on different elements of music including tempo, pitch, structure, timbre and rhythm. We will carry on using the Charanga scheme of work to support teaching Music.



Updates & Notices

- A reminder that reading books will be changed on Thursdays (we are unable to change children's books if these are not in school).
- Year 1 children will receive a weekly spelling test. Spellings will be tested and new ones set each Friday.
- Miss Vincent will be out on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Hendry will be covering during this time teaching RE and PSHE.
- Ensure all children's belongings are clearly labelled.
- Children should continue coming to school in their PE kit on PE days.
- Please keep toys at home. We have had some children lose toys that they have brought into school.

Homework:

Children should be reading regularly throughout the week. Please log this on Boom Reader. Books are changed each Thursday. Children in Year 1 should be practicing their weekly spellings. These will be tested each Friday.

Each term the children will be provided with a selection of homework activities linked to our learning for the term ahead. Your child should choose the activities that interest them and try to complete a selection of the activities throughout the term. If you complete any of the activities please do send in any pictures or work that your child has completed so that we can share these in class!

- Practise writing your name in your neatest handwriting.
- Practise forming numbers to 10. Challenge yourself to write larger numbers if you are in Year 1.
- Help an adult to create a delicious lunchbox inspired by The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.
- Practise your weekly spellings - These are tested on a Friday.
- Read regularly at home.
- Research an astronaut and create a fact file.
- Make a poster of the different planets in the solar system.
- Create a poster showing the four seasons of the year.
- Do something caring for a family member or friend.