

## Mathematics

### Reception:

In maths this term, the children will be looking at measure by comparing height and length, using non-standard units such as cubes to measure and exploring capacity and mass. They will also be revisiting addition and subtraction and place value focusing on numbers within 10. The children will explore telling the time, using o'clock and half past.

### Year 1:

This term, children will be looking at measuring height and length using non-standard units and a ruler, as well as exploring capacity, volume, mass and weight. They will also be looking at addition and subtraction with numbers within 100 and will revisit place value and time.



## Science

In Science this term, the children will continue their learning based around seasonal changes and exploring the weather. The main focus this term will be: weather symbols, investigating extreme weather and how the weather/climate is measured.



## Geography:

In Geography, the children will be learning all about London! This links nicely into our English text and gives the children an opportunity to learn more about our country's capital city! Throughout this unit the children will be looking at reading simple maps, identifying significant landmarks and exploring human features of geography such as a population, buildings and how life in London might differ to life in Swindon.



Reception and Year 1  
Pine Tree Class



Miss Vincent  
Term 4 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 receive simple words and sound blending books linked to the sounds we have been learning in class. Some children will now be receiving Read Write Inc book bag books.
- Children in Year 1 will be sent home with books matching their colour level from the end of Week 1 onwards.

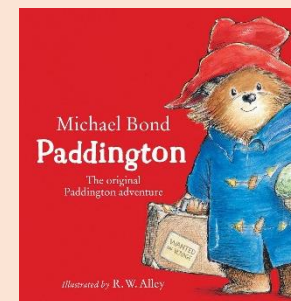
Please let us know if you would like additional green words, red words or nonsense words for your child to practise at home.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## English (Year 1):

In English the children will be reading the story of Paddington! Throughout this term, the children will be continuing to develop their writing skills through learning about sentence structure, how to describe in more detail and writing in character.

In spelling, punctuation and grammar this term, the children will be looking at past and present, suffixes (-ed, -ing), plurals and capital letters.



## Computing:

This term the children will be exploring typing, and navigating different elements of a computer. As the term progresses, they will begin to learn about programming through the use of BeeBots and digital programming on the computer.



### Design and Technology:

In DT this term, the children will be working in pairs/small groups to research, design and build a range of structures, landmarks and bridges using a range of different materials.



### Physical Education

This term, the children will be focussing on Football and 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: Why does Easter matter to Christians?



### 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!

### 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 Healthy Me!



### 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).
- Miss Vincent will be out on Thursday afternoon. Mrs Hendry will be covering during this time teacher 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.

- Make a model of an iconic London landmark!
- Write a weather report
- Bake something with an adult - Can you write out instructions on how to bake it?
- Draw a picture of Paddington Bear!
- Record the weather for a week using weather symbols
- Use a ruler or tape measure to measure objects in your home
- Compare objects in your home - What is the smallest object? What is the tallest object?
- Write some sentences to describe Paddington Bear
- Design your own Easter egg!
- Find out some facts about London! Remember them or record them to share with the class