



Pine Class Newsletter Spring 1 2026



Happy New Year and welcome back after the festive break.

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some special time with your loved ones. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again and I am very excited for what we have planned this term.

Our timetable remains mainly the same this term (apart from the **change to our PE lesson days – see below**) and copies of the Class Timetable, Newsletter, Long Term Plan and Curriculum Overview can all be found on our class page on the school website.

The children will continue to need their named book bags and a water bottle in school every day. Please ensure children are dressed for the colder weather and that all uniform is named so that if it gets lost, we can easily return it to its rightful owner.

Our theme for our learning this half-term will be 'What is the weather like in the UK?' During this Geography topic, we will be looking at maps and compass directions. We will be creating weather diaries and thinking about how we prepare for the weather. In Maths, we will be looking closely at numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction with numbers within 20, length and height.

In English, we will be continuing to use the writing approach called, 'The Write Stuff' focusing on the text, 'Grandad's Island'. We will also create some non-fiction writing of postcards/letters. We will be continuing to develop the children's phonics skills through the Little Wandle program. They are all superstars and we continue to see progress with some challenging alternative GPCs. Thank you very much for your support with this – we really appreciate it.

In Science, we will be investigating animals and seasonal change in Winter and Spring and aim to use our environment as a stimulus. In Art, we will be exploring sculpture and 3D art, creating simple three-dimensional shapes and structures, manipulating paper and card to make our own sculpture. I cannot wait to see their creations!

We will be continuing to send reading books home on a Friday and really hope you can support us and your children by reading at home as much as you can. Please ensure that you record when your child has read at home, just a signature and page number is fine, and if you want to write us a comment that is wonderful too.

PE lessons will continue to take place on a **Wednesday** with Mr Green and a **Friday** with Mrs Hitchcock. Just as last term, please continue to send the children into school in their PE kit on these days. Correct PE kit includes a plain navy jumper/hoodie or a school jumper, plain navy or black joggers or shorts (depending on the weather) and trainers. We will be outside as much as we possibly can for PE so please dress them accordingly.

We cannot wait to work with the children again this term, and look forward to them producing some super work over the coming weeks.

If you have any further questions or would like to pass on any information, please feel free to speak to us on the playground or contact the office and we will arrange a time to give you a call.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin, Mrs Hitchcock and the Pine Class Team

Dates:

Friday 16th January – Bird Day

Thursday 22nd January – Open Maths lesson for all classes

Tuesday 10th February – Welcome Tuesday straight after school

Friday 13th February – RED Disco after school