

Year 2

Pine Tree Class

Term 2



Dear Parent/Carers and children

Welcome back!

We hope you had a break and that you and the children enjoyed their well-needed break. We are very excited about the wonderful learning we have planned for this term in Pine Tree Class.

Reading in Year 2...

There will be a real emphasis on Reading. As a consequence your child will need to hand in their reading records and bookmark everyday.

Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes **every night**; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress.



This term

Topic - Our topic this term is history based and follows on from our Deal topic. **Now and Then** is about comparing the Deal we live in now and Deal 150 years ago. We will learn about life years ago in Deal, what school, food, Christmas and seaside holidays were like. It will culminate in a Victorian day at the end of term.

Literacy - We will focus on a variety of genres including poetry, fiction and non-fiction. As much as possible it will be linked to our topic including reading an adaptation of Oliver Twist.

Maths - We will continue to use the Inspire maths programme working primarily this term on using bar models to help problem solve and Multiplication and Division.

Science - We will be focussing on Materials where the children will learn to identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

RE - We will be looking at Incarnation this term, digging deeper and thinking about how and why Christians celebrate Christmas.

General reminders:

- The class will be doing **PE** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Mrs Hirst, Mrs Holman and Mrs Spencer will be taking the class on a Tuesday afternoon.
- As last term your child may bring in a **water** bottle to keep in class. This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due back on the **Wednesday**.

Thank you

Mrs Porteous & Mrs Holman