

Year 2

Pine Tree Class

Term 4



Dear Parent/Carers and children

Welcome back! We hope you had a good break and that you and the children enjoyed a relaxing week off. We are very excited about the wonderful learning we have planned for this term in Pine Tree Class. It will be hard work but lots of fun!

Reading in Year 2...

As usual reading is very important part of learning this year. If you child needs to change their book, please remind them to hand the book in. 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** and pick up the important skill of inference.



This term

Topic - Our topic this term is Let's Go Safari where we will journey to Africa. We will join explorers as they visit Kenya and meet the people, wildlife and landscapes. They will learn where Kenya is on a map and undertake a variety of fun activities to help them learn more about Kenya and compare it to the UK.

Literacy - We will focus on a variety of genres including story writing, non-chronological reports, poetry and recount writing. As much as possible it will be linked to our topic, including reading several books based in and around Africa.

Maths - We will continue to use the Inspire maths programme working primarily this term on measures, fractions, shape, problem solving and money.

Science - We will be starting a new unit on Animals and their Habitats which ties in well with the topic, where the children will find out about different habitats and all the living things within them. Exploring first the difference between living and non-living things, we will then find out about habitats in familiar local areas, such as woodlands or ponds, before looking further afield from seashores to the Sahara!

RE - We will be looking at the Salvation and digging deeper into Why Easter really does matter to Christians.

PE : - Due to some appalling weather last term we didn't quite finish our Tag Rugby unit so we shall finish that off this term.

General reminders:

- The class will be doing **PE on Thursdays - where we will be learning Tag Rugby.** Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Mrs Holman and Mrs Clugston will be taking the class on a Friday 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. Please ensure that it is just water and **not** juice or squash.
- Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due back on the **Wednesday.**

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the forthcoming Parents' Consultations.

Thank you