

SUMMER TERM IN PINE CLASS



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break, the Summer Term is one that is spent mostly outdoors and learning really does take off so your children are in for lots of fun!

- **Topic** - Our project for the Summer Term is 'Protect our planet.' We will be asking the philosophical question: Are there always consequences to our actions? Our focus this term is on CREATE so we look in depth at the arts and design and technology. We have attached our knowledge organisers, so please do look over these with your child and talk about the contents. The more that you can do this then the more the children will be able to remember and use for their future learning.

Children will learn all about our world and the ways in which humans are destroying it. They will learn all about bees and their importance for pollination and for the earth. We will think about recycling and the 10 ways that we can look after our world and make posters to remind us of these things. Children will be designing and making a bee home and will be looking at the art work of Hokusai and Moore. Cooking will continue to be a regular part of our design and technology and children will be growing salad to eat at school. They will be designing and making their own fruit kebabs and thinking about what makes a healthy meal.

- **Outdoors** - As a class we will be exploring the outdoors and the woods on a regular basis looking at the trees and plants around in line with our science work, so please do ensure that your child has a pair of Wellington boots and waterproofs with their name in ready for use every day.
- **Reading** – It is expected that all children are heard read at home each day. Huge thanks to those parents who do this already as reading opens up every other area of the curriculum. This is the term in which a real difference can be made at home. We find that it helps to get into a routine with reading by doing it at the same time each day. Children like a routine, and it will become part of a regular pattern after a while. We will continue to hear the children at every available opportunity in school, but this should not be their only source of reading.
- **Spellings** – these have been sent out for the Year 1's. For Reception children handwriting practice is always recommended at home as they need to form all of their letters correctly.
- **Mondays will continue to be our book drop and swap day** – this is the only day that we will be able to change your child's book, so please do make sure that your child brings their book bag to school.
- **Warmer weather** - As the weather improves please do provide your child with a named sun hat as we don't hold any spares, and do apply sunscreen before they leave home. Children can also bring in sun cream (it must be named please) and we will support them in re-applying it should they need more .
- **A polite reminder – water only in bottles thank you, this includes flavoured water with no colouring. When children are thirsty, they all drink water.**

As always, if you have any questions or queries then please do email us.

Many thanks,

Kate Easter and Laura Ketley