

AUTUMN TERM IN PINE CLASS



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break and that your children are ready to join us all in Pine Class. The Autumn Term is one that is spent mostly outdoors as the weather tends to be favourable so your children are in for lots of fun!

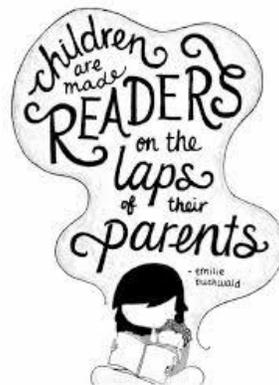
We often gather together for our learning which allows us to give children rich and exciting experiences so we name the year groups as follows:

Reception – Acorns

Year 1 – Conkers

Year 2 - Chestnuts

- **Topic** - Our topic for the Autumn Term is 'Far, far away.' At the beginning of term we will be looking first at the learning styles and interests of our children and tailoring the curriculum to their needs. Then we will embarking on a mission into space.
- **Reading** – Year 1 children are expected read at home each day please. Many parents do this already and it makes such a difference to children's learning as reading opens up every other area of the curriculum. Children that read every day really are the ones that achieve well. 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.



For Reception children, the priority for the first half term is for them to listen to stories, learn their initial sounds and enjoy playing with rhyme. We will let you know when we feel that your child is ready to begin their journey in reading – reading is certainly not a race.

- **Colder weather** - As the weather gets colder please do provide your child with suitable **NAMED** clothing. It can be very cold at playtimes and lunchtimes and the expectation is for them to be outside as part of their provision. We would suggest a hat and gloves as they do feel the cold. We keep our door to the outside area open all year round to allow continuous access so an extra layer of clothing is needed in the winter months.

- **Book bags** – All that your child needs to bring to school is a book bag with nothing more in it than their reading book and reading record book. *These can be brought to school daily and will be stored in the children's trays.*
- **Water bottles** – Please do not put water bottles into book bags, in our experience they leak and can ruin expensive books. We have a tray in school that the children put their bottles into as they get to school (again must be **clearly named** please.) **Squash or clear flavoured water is not allowed** so please only provide water for your child.
- **PE** – Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on the following days: **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY afternoons**. Please do make sure they are dressed for the weather as we go outside whenever possible. You should have been notified which house team and colour your child is in as we request that they wear a t-shirt of this colour.
- **Outdoor learning** – The highlight of our week! We head into the woods on Thursday afternoons and enjoy the outdoors together. Sometimes we get wet and muddy so your child will need to have a pair of wellies, a waterproof coat and trousers or an all in one that we can keep in school as we do go out in all weathers. These can be found on AMAZON for as little as £11.00. Please **name** the clothing and place it into a clearly named carrier bag that can be hung on your child's peg.
- **Google Classroom** – We use this virtual platform for remote learning and also as a way of sharing important class information, homework, celebrations and super work. We will send out details shortly on how to access this platform.
- **Values for Life**– As a Church of England school we follow the values for life and this term our value is friendship. So please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about what friendship means as we will be reflecting on this as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

'LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

With the love of God, we will create a learning environment where high expectations and the teaching of Christian values ensure that everyone is cared for, valued, encouraged and able to achieve their full potential.

Our priority is always the children and find that those parents who become partners in learning truly improve the outcomes for their children. When parents are involved children achieve more, they are happier, they develop greater self esteem and demonstrate good behaviour so please do get involved as it is the most wonderful time in their lives and it whizzes by in a flash!

As always, if you have any questions or queries then please do come and see us or send us an email – **pine@morley.norfolk.sch.uk**
(After school is always preferable please)

Many thanks

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