

Spring Term in Pine Class

'Learn Together, Work Together, Grow Together'



Dear Parents and Carers,

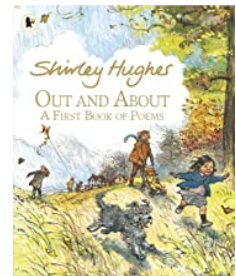
Firstly, a huge welcome back to you all. We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break and that 2024 has got off to a good start for you.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second term of your child's first year in school! The Spring term is shorter, but with still lots to fit in, we are going to be very busy.



Our learning for the term will focus around the topic **Our Wonderful World**

One of our key texts will be **'Out and About'**. This will introduce the children to poetry through the eyes of a child and we will focus on the different seasons linking this to our outdoor learning and understanding of the world. We will share **'Six dinner Sid'** and find out about who has a pet at home.



Another main text will be **'Welcome'** and we will share this after half term. This is a beautifully thoughtful story where a polar bear and his friends are swept away from their home and hope to find refuge in a new land. We will be learning about how to be kind, inclusive and welcoming to all! We will also be finding out about different animals, where they live and what it is like in different countries.

- **Reading** –We find that it helps to get into a routine with reading by doing it at the same time each day. Children enjoy routine, so this soon becomes part of a

regular pattern. We will continue to hear the children at every available opportunity in school, but this should not be their only source of reading.

Phonics - Your children will have now had the opportunity to learn all of the Read Write Inc Set 1 sounds, including the 'special friends'. They will continue to practise these during the spring term to develop their blending fluency and build towards reading simple words, phrases and sentences.

Please use these QR codes to access Elly and Fred videos for practising the 'Special Friends'

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These Fred Games videos will be useful for practising to blend



We will also continue to add to your child's pack of **tricky words**, these are non-decodable words which cannot be sounded out in the usual way. It is important that the children learn to read these by sight.

- **PE** – Please ensure that they come to school in their kits on a **Tuesday and Friday**.
- **Outdoor Education**- This will be on a weekly basis, usually on a **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and waterproofs (we will keep them with us and send them home at half terms.) This term we will be identifying and naming birds and we will be taking part in the Big School Bird Watch 2024 and then working towards the RSPB Wild Challenge!
- **Value for Life** – As a Church of England school we follow the values for life, and this term it is Perseverance. Please do take every opportunity to chat to your

child about this as we will be reflecting on justice and equality as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

Google classroom

We have set up Google classroom and hope that everyone has signed up using the links that have been sent home. If you need another link please do come and speak to us.

This is another way of communicating with you and we like sharing what we have been doing, what the children are enjoying and activities to try at home. Please do try and check it weekly.

School newsletter

The weekly school newsletter which gets emailed every Friday also keeps everyone updated about what has been happening, dates get regularly added onto the diary so this needs keeping an eye on as well. New dates will be in bold to show you need to update your home diary or calendar.

Class Dates

- Maths parent workshop – **Thursday 18th January at 8.50am**
- Writing, scribing and story telling parent workshop – **Tuesday 5th March at 8.50am**

Our priority is always the children and we know 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. It is a very special time in their lives and it whizzes by in a flash!

Kind regards,

Kate Easter and Tabitha Botting