

Summer Term in Pine Class



‘LEARN TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER’

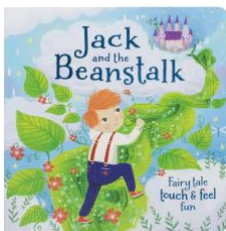
Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to everyone for the start of the summer term, we hope you had a lovely Easter break and are now ready to go!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of your child's first year in school! We are going to be very busy, but the sun will hopefully be shining to keep us all happy and smiling.



Our learning for the first half term will focus around **Growing** and then in the second half we will be exploring places **Near and Far**. This gives great opportunities for understanding of the world ,measuring in maths and writing labels, postcards and facts.



Our first key text is **Jack and the Beanstalk**, which will lead us into exploring how we change as we grow. We will find out about the plants and wildlife around us and use some non-fiction texts to discover how plants grow. We will explore different versions of Jack and the beanstalk look at the story of Jasper's Beanstalk and hopefully watch a variety of different things grow in our outdoor area

Our second key text will be **Welcome**, a wonderful text about a Polar bear and his friends whom are swept away from their icy home, and are in search of a new home to stay. We will look at wildlife in our local environment as well as animals from around the world. We will think about how we can help our planet and look at the wonderful work of David Attenborough.



We are developing our outdoor area, and are very excited by the larger space with which we will share with Oak class. We have new equipment arriving over the next couple of weeks and we are trying to source a variety of things to supplement the area so would be grateful for any donations of:

seeds, compost, pallets, large planters - many thanks

- **PE** - Please ensure that children come to school in their kits on a **Tuesday and Thursday**.
- **Outdoor Education**- This will be on a weekly basis. Even though the weather should be more pleasant, please ensure that your child still has a pair of wellies and waterproofs. We will be looking at seasonal change, flowering plants and doing some creative activities too!
- **Value for Life** - As a Church of England school, we follow the values for life, and this term it is **Friendship**. Please do take every opportunity to chat to your child about this as we will be reflecting on forgiveness as part of Collective Worship and as part of daily school life.

- **Reading** - it is our job to teach your child the skills that they need to read and your job to practice these skills with them at home. Please read with your child everyday - we cannot emphasise enough that children who read and make progress in reception have the best start to more formal learning in Year one. Use the reading record to record any reading that takes place at home, whether it is listening to a story, or your child reading to you.

Our priority is always our children and we know that those parents who become partners in learning truly improve the outcomes for their children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Kate Easter and Tabitha Botting