

Pine Class Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 1, 2025

Hello, my name is Miss Thomson, and I will be teaching the lovely Pine Class. If you ever need me, please say "Hi" after school, or if you require a meeting, simply contact the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Home-learning:

Please try to listen to your child read each day. Record in the Reading Record 3 x week, or more if possible. Each time your child reads to you, they colour a set of wings at the back so they can earn rewards!

Spellings will be given on Mondays and assessed on Fridays. Please help them practise in fun ways.

TT Rock Stars 3 x week to practise times tables.

Mathematics:

Each day will start with a 5-minute arithmetic activity and each afternoon will start with a number activity to build knowledge and confidence. During the maths lessons, the class will start with Place Value. This will involve representing numbers to 100, partitioning numbers to 100, using number lines to 100 and then to 1000. They will find 1, 10 or 100 more or less and estimate numbers on number lines. Their knowledge will then help them add and subtract in the next unit, applying their knowledge of number bonds, identifying patterns, estimating and making decisions.

Reading:

We will focus our reading skills on the book, 'The Lost Spells' by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris. This enchanting book will help the class become critical readers through explicit taught vocabulary, non-fiction and poetry. The aim is that the pupils develop positive attitudes to reading and understand what they read through listening, reading and discussing the themes in the book.

Writing:

'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister is the book that will immerse the class in a magical space to explore the power of imagination and curiosity. They will explore the author's language and use it as a base for their own descriptive writing. They will use drama to bring their words alive, helping them develop their understanding of the effectiveness of words. Throughout the unit, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and purpose and audience will be explored.

Spanish:

I am hoping that the class go home and teach some Spanish at home! We will learn and practise basic Spanish through songs, stories and fun games.

PSHE:

The class will start the term with 'Feelings and Emotions' to help them transition into a new Key Stage. They will explore how they feel, and why during certain situations and learn strategies to help them cope and manage mindfulness. Activities will include circle time, discussions, personal reflection, music and mindfulness videos, helping them to apply these to real-world scenarios.

Geography:

The United Kingdom will be the focus of this unit. The class will learn the difference between The British Isles, The United Kingdom and Great Britain. They will use the eight-point compass and know its location. We will zoom in on countries, regions and counties and use political and physical maps. We will learn about human features of the North West, namely land use changes in the North West region.

Religion & Worldviews:

This term, the class will question, "How do people think about the Bible?" They will look at the origins, content, construction and interpretation of the Bible. They will be introduced to theology and learn to think like a theologian.

Art:

We will investigate, "Why do we make art?" through artwork created by Palaeolithic (early Stone Age) man. We will create a series of artworks based on animals before producing a collaborative piece, based on the handprints often found alongside other cave paintings.

Music:

The class will learn all about ballads. They will learn what they are, how they are created and what affects them. After being inspired by some, they will work in groups to create and perform their own, unique ballad.

Computing:

This term, the class will learn how to code! They will use flow diagrams, use repeat, test and de-bug before designing and creating an interactive scene.

PE;

This term, we will be learning and developing our skills in football for the first session and gymnastics in the second.

Both sessions will be taught on Friday afternoons.

Remember – PE kits are to be worn to school on Fridays.