



Parent Curriculum Overview

SPRING TERM PINE CLASS

ENGLISH

Over the course of this term, we will continue to focus on our text 'The Day the Crayons Quit' in which we will practice our skills of expanding noun phrases, relative clauses and personification. Our next unit will be looking at a fiction text 'Beowulf' the children will be looking at creating character descriptions using a range of ambitious vocabulary and use dialogue in new ways to advance the action of the story. The children will be involved in daily guided reading sessions and regular handwriting and spelling activities. Reading continues to be a high priority. We ask you to support this by reading regularly at home and making comments in the home school link book. It is also encouraged that the children engage in writing outside of school to practise skills they have learnt throughout their school career such as using 'with' to extend sentences, using a range of adverbials and correctly punctuated speech.

PSHE

This term our PSHE theme is 'Healthy Me'. We will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves healthy (mentally and physically) and make healthy choices to improve our lives.

COMPUTING

This term our topic is focussed on 'Online Safety' the children will be researching the best ways to protect themselves when they are on the internet and investigating features such as password strength.

MUSIC

Our music will be focussing on the Bon Jovi song 'Livin on a prayer'. We will be looking at rhythm and pitch and registering and responding to the pulse of the song and other songs of this genre.

PE

This term, PE will be taught by Arena on Thursday afternoons and the focus will be **basketball** and on Friday afternoon Mr Huxtable will teach PE and the focus will be **fitness circuits**.

INFORMATION

- Children should regularly access times table rockstars to continue to build their fluency
- PE kits should be in school every day. PE kits should be named. Please check that your child's PE shoes fit and they have a complete kit.

MATHEMATICS

We will be continuing our unit on decimals and percentages which will encompass the learning on number that was completed in the Autumn term. We will be looking at how these compare to the fractions that we will have become familiar with. It would be useful for the children to practise addition and subtraction of numbers to 1 decimal place (i.e. $234.5+567.8$) to build their fluency. We use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract resources to ensure a mastery of understanding is achieved. It would be very beneficial for children to continue practicing their times tables up to 12×12 as this is vital when finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Following this, we will begin our learning on measure in which we will be calculating the area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

GEOGRAPHY

This term, our focus for geography will be Agriculture. The children will be learning about arable farming and how it changes the landscape.

HISTORY

This term our history unit will be Persia and ancient Greece in which the children will learn all about Gods and Goddesses and the wars of Persia and Greece.

ART

Our next objective will be focussing on sketching and our topic will be topography and investigating how this can be used in different ways to create an expressive piece of art.

SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating living things and their habitats in which we will investigate the life cycles of different animals and plants.

RE

This half term we will be looking at the story of Exodus, the Hebrew bible and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob