



Pine Class Newsletter

November 2021

Welcome

Hello and welcome back to a new half term in Pine Class. We hope you have had a relaxing half term break. We all love this half term with the exciting run up to Christmas with lots of fun, exciting and interesting activities planned!

We have had a great first half term in our new classroom and it has been a pleasure working alongside your child, observing them and seeing how they grow and develop. We all had a great last day of term, celebrating Halloween and enjoyed all the spooky activities and choosing our very own pumpkin.

If you have any queries; please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, in your child's home school diary or email zoe.cooke@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk

Detailed below is an outline of our topics for the following half term.

Zoe, Louise and Annie

Our Topic

This half term, we will be looking at festivals and celebrations and looking closely at how celebrations have changed over time. We will be looking at Bonfire Night and Diwali, Remembrance Day, First Advent, and Christmas celebrations. If you have any photos that we could share with your child and the class of celebrations within your family - religious festivals, Christmas etc, please could you send in some photos with your child or email them to me at zoe.cooke@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk Many thanks.

Our Class Creativity

This half term the children have explored the story by Julia Donaldson, 'The Singing Mermaid' we created a scene on the wall and each child designed their own mermaid tale. The choices the children made were Brilliant and we are looking forward to working with your children on Santa's Busy Christmas Eve Sensory Story. Making a new display with even more glitz and glamour. 7 weeks to the Christmas holidays.

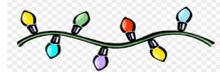


Evidence For Learning

We are really proud of our pupils and the achievements and progress that they make. We love sharing this with you through observations on Evidence for Learning. Please take a look at Evidence for Learning to see photos and observations of your child and what they have been up to at school.

If you need a new log in, please let me know.

Sensory topics



Throughout the week, we will be having therapy and sensory based sessions, which will include the following

Sound bath, sensory story, dance massage, musical explore and sensory cooking.

News switches - We will be sending home a news switch with your child which will have news of what they have enjoyed recorded on. To listen to the message, hold the switch upside down and slide the black button to play and then press the top of the switch with the photo on down.

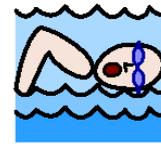
If you would like to record a message on the switch, slide the black button on the bottom to record, press the top of the switch down and hold down, as you talk into the switch. When you have finished, release the switch and slide the black button to either off or play.

Swimming & Rebound

Our rebound session will take place on a Monday morning and we will be working on our physical skills during this session.

Hydro will be on a Friday morning. Please send in a swimming kit on a Friday.

Many thanks.



Drinks and snacks

Please send in snacks and squash for your child, if needed. Drinks are available throughout the day and we stop for snacks in the morning and afternoon.



Weather

Please remember to send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather, especially as the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year.



Library

We have a weekly slot in the school library, where we will be going to choose new library books to bring home, listen to stories and engage in sensory story exploration.

Our weekly session is on a Friday. Please could you return your child's library book each Friday, so that we can change these and send home a new library book for you to share together.

Many thanks.

Personal care and independence

Each week, we will be looking at how we can look after ourselves and look at our personal care for example washing our hands and face, cleaning teeth etc. Please would you be able to send in a named wash bag with tooth brush and tooth paste (If applicable), lip balm, massage gel, flannel, soap, brush or comb and any other items you may wish to send in. Many thanks.