



# Pine Class Newsletter

January 2022

## Welcome

Hello and welcome back to a new half term in Pine Class. We hope you have had a relaxing Christmas break. We are all excited about this term, to continue to work on the children's targets and develop independence through our new topics.

We have had a great first 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 were all so proud of the children in Pine Class working so hard to make our school production. It was lovely hearing all about the children's Christmas break this week and we have loved seeing the children smiles as they have returned to school.

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](mailto:zoe.cooke@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk)

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

## Our Topic

This half term, we will be looking at Emergency Services and looking closely at this years Winter Olympics which is based in Beijing, this commences on the 4th February 2022. We will be looking at all the different people who provide support in the community. We will be learning about the different sports, emotional attitudes required to succeed and explore the different equipment needed for the sports. Also investigating counties involved through music, art and stories. If you have any sport stories or other nationalities within your families that you wish to share please send them to us.

## Our Class Creativity

The class have been very creative making some lovely class art and I am sure that you will agree with me, that the children have been very busy exploring mix media materials for art which was then sent home. This is continuing this half term with the Winter Olympics running through our art lessons. We all are excited by the activities coming up, including designing a snow board, making an Olympic torch and making a 3D mountain with snow.



## 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.

**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.

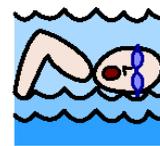
If you would like to record a message on the switch, slide the black button on the bottom to record, press the top of the switch down and hold down, as you talk into the switch. When you have finished, release the switch and slide the black button to either off or play.

## 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. I will contact you when this is going to start. Unfortunately this has been delayed because of Covid 19.

Many thanks.



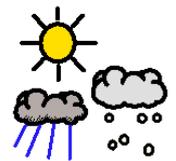
## Drinks and snacks

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. Please write in your child's reading diary, even when you are reading to your child as we know this supports their development.

## 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 Zoe, Annie and Louise.