



# Pine Class Newsletter

April 2022

## Welcome

Hello and welcome back to the Summer Term in Pine Class. We hope you had a good Easter Break and you were able to enjoy the weather. We are all excited about this term, to continue to work on the children's targets and develop independence through our new topics, Mountains and The Ocean Floor.

We have had a great half term in Pine Class and it has been a pleasure working alongside your child, observing them and seeing how they continue to develop. We were all so proud of the children in Pine Class working towards their individual targets and it was wonderful to see the children getting more confident at using Yes and No. It was lovely hearing all about the children's Easter Break 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)

## Our Topic

This half term, we will be looking at Mountains and after half term we are looking at the Ocean Floor. The children have already made rock cakes in the shape of Domed mountains with peeks and listened to music with beautiful imagery of rolling hills and valleys. They have started to learn more about plant growth and have planted cress. This term we are looking forward to Rainbow Day, our class has Poland as their inspiration. If you have any information about Poland that you would like to share we would love to hear all about it. We have also been asked to choose a song with Polish heritage so any ideas are very welcome.

## Our Class April 2022

A fantastic start to our Summer term. We have been busy with our new topic mountains and switch work, light investigation, sensory cooking, Big Top



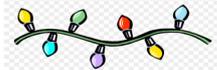
Music—Summer and learning about Saint Francis of Assisi for our Religious Education topic.

## 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

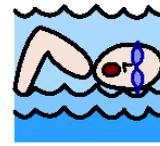
Sound bath, sensory story, dance massage, musical explore and sensory cooking.

**Switches** - We will be sending home a news switch on a Friday 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

Our swimming session will take place on a Friday morning on a rotation and we will be working on our physical skills during this session. Unless you are told of any special arrangements where your child will need swimming kit on another day. This will start Friday 6th April. The children will take it in turns to go swimming. If you have been told about special arrangements, you do not need to send in a swimming kit on a Friday. Thank you for your understanding.



## 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 hot 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