

PINES CLASS NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a good Christmas break. It's been great to hear from the children about the wonderful time they have all had.



Class Theme

Our class theme for the term is *Superheroes*. We will be reading and writing Superhero stories in class.

Class Curriculum Workshop

On Monday 10th February at 2.30pm we will be running a class workshop with a focus on phonics, end of Year goals and information about a typical school day. More details to follow.

Reading

- Read a few pages of their reading book each night and record in the reading record;
- Talk about books – why they liked or disliked a specific story;
- Please check your child knows the sounds for each letter of the alphabet; in addition for Year 1 - can they say the letter names for each letter?

Writing

- Practise writing their own name as neatly as possible (Reception – first name, Year 1 - can they have a go at their surname?);
- Practise their spellings by completing their homework sheet (Year 1); **make sure each letter is formed correctly and pencil is held correctly.**
- Write Thank You cards for Christmas presents.

Maths

- Count forwards and backwards to 20 (Reception), 100 (Year 1);
- Recognise coins and notes;
- Use time words like before, now and next (Reception) and tell the time – o'clock and half past (Year 1).

Science

- Name some common plants and trees (eg daffodils, snow drops, holly);
- Name parts of their body; name the 5 sense organs and the stimuli they detect (eg skin= touch, tongue =taste, ears = sound, eyes=vision, nose = smell);
- Know that in winter there are longer periods of darkness and in Spring the days get longer.

Topic

- Know that on earth there are seven continents and five oceans (Year 1's should be able to name some);
- Know that they live in the UK and the UK is made up of four countries (Year 1's should be able to name them).

Personal

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible when getting ready for school:

- Put on socks and shoes themselves;
- Do their own buttons and zips;
- Have a go at tying laces!

Year 1 spelling homework sheets will be given out every Friday. Please practise these as much as possible as it has become evident that the children who practise these more frequently are having greater success. Please return these sheets by the following Friday.

We will have a class trip at the end of this term and more information will follow about that soon. Our class assembly is on Friday 27th March.

Kind regards,
Andrew and Steph.

Please note that your child's teacher is the adult in school who is primarily responsible for children's academic, social and emotional well-being. As such, they are very happy to discuss with you any issues surrounding your child's time at school, and should be the first point of contact should you have any concerns or requests.

