

# Pine Class Newsletter – Term 3

#### Welcome back to Term 3

We hope you have had a fun and relaxing Christmas holiday and a great New Year. We are thrilled to be in our new building and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities in Term 3.



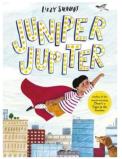
#### Maths

We will explore the composition of numbers up to 8, learning to combine groups to make a total amount. We will also compare



mass and capacity using scales and containers. Towards the end of the term, we will measure time using calendars and a variety of timers. Our KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) will be to partition numbers to 5 into two groups.

## English



Our text for this term will be Juniper Jupiter by Lizzie Stewart. We will be exploring ways to describe the characters and their super powers. We will rehearse our sentences orally and practise using our sounds to write simple words. We will also learn about the features of

letters so that we can write our own superhero letters.



#### Connected Curriculum

Our curriculum question for Terms 3 and 4 will be 'What can we grow?' and we will be looking at plants and gardens. We will learn about the different parts of a plant, and the best conditions for them to thrive. We will investigate what can grow in our garden, and work towards making

and packaging our own sandwich. We will learn about different life cycles and habitats. We will also explore ways in which we have changed and grown as individuals and learners.

# Home Learning

We ask that you support your child to read at home at least 3 times per week. Please record what they have read in their reading diary and sign and date it. Please ensure that they bring their book and diary to school every day.

Spelling homework will be sent home on **Mondays** on Seesaw and we ask that this is completed by **Thursday**.

Your child will also have a NumBots login and we would like all children to practise their mental maths facts on this at least 3 times per week as well.

## PE

PE will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on these days. This includes a **plain** house-coloured t-shirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and trainers. The normal Elm Park sweatshirt or PE hoodie must be worn.

#### Water bottles and snacks

Please ensure that your child brings a **full** water bottle to school with them every day.

Your child may also bring fruit or a healthy snack for morning playtime (no crisps, chocolate bars etc. please).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to arrange a phone call from us.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Keeping