



Pine Class Newsletter – Term 5

Welcome back to Term 5

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break. As the days are beginning to become longer and warmer, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this term. As always, Terms 5 and 6 will have a focus on the Arts.



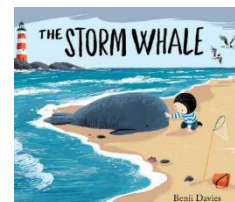
Maths

We will begin by looking at the numbers to 20 and their relation with other numbers on the 100 square. We will learn about patterns and the composition of teen numbers using ten frames and Numicon. We will also revisit addition of 2 small numbers using our known number facts before focusing on subtraction. Our KIRF for this term will be 'I can count in 10s to 100'.



English

Our text for this term will be 'The storm whale' by Benji Davies. It is a beautiful story about loneliness and friendship. With a continued emphasis on new vocabulary, we will learn to respond to the text with pictures and words. We will retell the story and compare it to others with the same characters or settings. We will use our known sounds and keywords to write short sentences with simple punctuation.



Connected Curriculum



Our curriculum question for this term will be 'Who likes to be beside the seaside?' We will be looking at different aspects of beaches (in particular sun safety, features of the seaside around the world, and how we can protect the seas). We will use the children's knowledge and possible memories of holidays to build a picture of what makes a safe beach and seaside. Through songs, stories, and art, we will explore and celebrate this captivating place.



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 returned on **Thursdays**. This can either be done using the pencil or text function on Seesaw, or can be printed at home and you can upload a photo of the completed work to Seesaw.

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 **Monday** 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