

Pine Parents



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Class Teachers:

- ▶ Miss Ritchie

Teaching Assistants:

- ▶ Margaret Williams
- ▶ Anna Monkman
- ▶ Vanessa Ahmed (Monday and Wednesday)
- ▶ Jeanette Magee (Thursday)

- ▶ **PE Kits** Monday PM and Wednesday (Rose Hill)
- ▶ **Swimming** Terms 5 and 6
- ▶ Tuesday Leave at 12:30 back at 2:15 lunch at 12:00
- ▶ **Forest School** Term 2 Thursday
- ▶ **Drop in day** Tuesday 3.20pm

Homework

- ▶ Big Maths beat That! sheet - comes home on a Monday, practise any corrections and increasing speed of mental Maths and return the sheets to school on a Friday. Maths home work this year will take the form of a scheme called 'Big Maths Beat That!' This helps the children with quick recall of number facts. The children will have a quick test which takes around 5 minutes on a Monday and then take the same test on a Friday. They can practice the questions they answer incorrectly by taking the paper home and getting help from parents and guardians. Some children will accurately answer all the questions correctly so they aim to achieve quicker times each week they sit the paper. The scheme runs for 10 weeks and can be rerun to increase accuracy and speed. Big Maths Beat That! has been trialled in year 3 last year and is being successfully used in other schools in Tunbridge Wells. As the children are not used to the timings of these tests, class teachers are giving them as much time as they need to start with and then the time will be reduced as they get used to them.
- ▶ - 1 x Topic each term
- ▶ - 10-15 minutes daily reading (please ensure that you hear your child read at least 3 times a week).
- ▶ - Spellings: Home Spellings each week (tested with a dictation exercise on a Monday).

Pencil cases:

- ▶ Children can bring a pencil case into school (as long as it can fit into their tray!). I am happy for a personal pencil sharpener and rubber to be used at school, but I can provide these!
- ▶ **Toilet:** As we are in Year 5, children must go to the toilet during the morning, break and lunch! Children will not be able to go during a main teaching input, but if desperate will be able to go at an appropriate time. The afternoon is a little more flexible, but should be avoided if possible.

Power of Reading Texts

The London Eye Mystery

The Princess' Blankets

Floodland

Varmints

Wolf Brother

Journey to the river sea

Keyboards

Year 5 will be learning how to play the keyboard (or be challenged to increase their knowledge if they already play!)

High expectations of behaviour

- ▶ Green ladders and pink ladders will be used this year.
- ▶ House points will be used
- ▶ The school bear will be awarded to classes that demonstrate fantastic behaviour each week!
- ▶ One child from each class will be nominated as a Learning Legend each week.

11+ queries

- Children will take CATS (Cognitive Ability) tests around Spring time.
- Parent consultations will take place following this with the class teacher and Headteacher to discuss progress and secondary transfer options/ results of CATS tests.

Secondary School Visits

- ▶ Mrs Owen suggests that Year 5 parents visit all the secondary schools of interest during their open evenings first, and then once you have short listed, she will authorise absences to revisit the short listed schools during the daytime.
- ▶ There will be an evening secondary transfer meeting in April to discuss the process.

