



# PINE CLASS NEWS



## Welcome to Summer 1!

The children, as always, have come back to school full of excitement and enthusiasm after their well deserved Easter break. They have thrown themselves into their learning and have created some gorgeous Van Gogh inspired art work and wowed us with their instructions for 'How to Eat an Oreo' already this week. Guys, we are so proud of you and are so looking forward to another exciting half term with you all!

## CLASS REMINDERS

- Drop off time is between 8.40am and 8.55am
- Our pick up time in Year 2 is 3.10pm from the playground
- All children must have a water bottle in school each day.
- Tuck is priced at 25p per item £1.25 for a week. Tuck orders and payment will be taken on a Monday for the rest of the week. Your child will need to place their order and payment will be on School Money.
- Please ensure that all long hair is tied up each day.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit are labelled with your child's full name.
- If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to email us at:

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## Summer Term 1

*Our topic this half term is....*

## *'Superheroes'*

The atmosphere in the classroom has been electric this week as the children started their new topic and I hope that they have shared their excitement with you at home! In Geography this half term, we be planning a superhero journey around the world, firstly taking in UK. History we will learn about real life superheroes Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and we have already started our Vincent Van Gough inspired art project. This half term brings us an exciting Trust-wide D&T project, details of which we will share with you shortly.....watch this space!

In English lessons, we are currently perfecting the art of writing an easy to follow set of instructions and the children will continue to polish their handwriting, spellings and grammatical skills throughout the coming weeks. They are working hard on building their independence and stamina for writing and are making us proud of the standard of work they are producing!

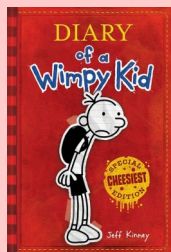
In Maths the children are currently learning about mass, capacity and temperature and we will be shortly be moving on to look at fractions and time in our in our next couple of topics. As always they have lots of opportunity to practice our prior learning with their daily 'awesome arithmetic' practice and make use of the maths equipment within the classroom.

In Science this half term, we will learn about 'Plants' and they will be able to enjoy a more practical element to the topic by grown our own so that we can investigate what a plant needs to thrive.

# Author of the Month



Jeff Kinney's 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series is an absolute winner with the children in Year 2! The children find the story lines fun, the hilarious cartoon-like pictures are appealing and their relatively simple language make them great for the children to build up their independent reading.



## Number of words children would have heard by the age of 5 if they were:



Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:



## P.E

Our P.E days are...



### Thursday & Friday

On these days your child must come to school for the day in: *plain black joggers, leggings or shorts (no logos please), their P.E t-shirt and an academy jumper or academy hoodie.* They can also wear their trainers for the whole day. Please remove any ear-



rings or supply your child with plasters on these days.



## READING BOOKS

All children will be bringing home their reading books and new diaries by the end of the week. These will be changed on a weekly basis. Please can children bring their books to school everyday so they are in school should a member of staff hear them read.

Remember to listen to your child read often at home and record in their reading diary. This year we will be rewarding those who have read at least 5 times a week. This can include eBooks, magazines, comics or even a bedtime story that an adult reads. It is so important that children read and are read to regularly for a wealth of reasons including developing their spoken language and enabling them to practice their reading skills. Reading is the route to everything and all subjects. As children grow they develop from learning to read to reading to learn.