

# Pine Class Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to a new school year and we look forward to a great Autumn Term. This letter will provide some useful information for you. However, if you would like to talk to us about anything, please feel free to pop in at the end of any day.

## Curriculum

Our topic this term is '**How did Britain change between the end of the Iron Age and the end of the Roman occupation?**' We will have the opportunity to explore and understand people who lived in the Roman times and how the Roman Empire impacted on Britain at the time. Alongside this, in **Geography** we will find out where the Mediterranean is and what it is like to live there. In **Art** we will be learning about Roman mosaics and have the opportunity to create our own mosaic. In our **English** unit we will be reading the book 'Escape to Pompeii' by Christina Balit and writing a non-chronological report, 'Who were the Romans? Linked to our **Science** this term, we will describe the different types of teeth in humans and the simple functions of the digestive system. We will be learning about online safety in **ICT**. **Music** will entail learning and appraising a variety of songs including 'Mamma Mia'. During **French**, we will be focusing on how to recognise and say simple greetings and numbers 0-20. Within **RE**, we will gain a greater depth and understanding of Christian beliefs about God, Jesus and the world. In **P.E** we will be developing and practising skills in gymnastics, basketball, handball and dance.

## Working together at home

- ✓ **Reading at home** – The children should be reading at least three times each week. Please encourage your child to read at home, by making it part of their evening routine and sign their reading diary when they do. The children will be rewarded with **5 house points** every time they read three times a week to an adult or older sibling at home.
- ✓ **Spellings** – The children should continue to work their way through the high-frequency words outlined in the front of their reading diary and they will be given new spellings **each week**.
- ✓ **Maths** – They should also be practising their times tables each week.

## PE

PE will take place every **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school every day **and has also removed any jewellery on this day**. Some of the children in Year 4, **Group 1** will start swimming on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Walsh and Ms Holler.