



Dear parents,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Pine class, and I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. Here are the arrangements that you may find useful at the beginning of this academic year.

PPA cover (teacher planning, preparation and assessment time) will take place on Thursday afternoon and Mrs Briggs-Price will be teaching the class.

PE -Wednesday and Thursday will be our indoor and outdoor PE sessions (this can vary depending on the weather, so PE kits need to be in school every day). No jewellery is to be worn for PE so children need to remove ear-rings or bring surgical tape to cover them. All long hair must be secured neatly off the face for girls and boys during PE.

Indoor PE kit is a red, round-necked T-shirt, black shorts (not baggy shorts, for safety reasons) and plimsolls/bare feet.

Outdoor PE is a sweatshirt or jumper, black shorts, socks, trainers and black joggers for colder weather. Please label all PE kit with your child's name!

Water bottles - Children need to bring in their school water bottle labelled clearly with their name. This can be kept in school during the week.

If your child wishes to bring a healthy snack for morning playtime, please try to send this in a reusable box, as we are trying to reduce both litter and plastic. Fruit is provided for all of the children.

Art - Please could you send into school an old T-shirt or shirt to be used as an art shirt. It helps to protect school uniform when we are being particularly messy in art!

Home-based learning - Your child is expected to read every night. We recommend 15 minutes each day—half the time spent with your child practising reading (decoding a reading scheme book) and half with you as parents reading a book to them for pleasure. When you discuss a book that your child has particularly enjoyed over each week, it would be helpful for you to record their comment in the appropriate section of their reading log to build up to writing their own reading comments later in the year.

Learning logs - The learning log homework will be given out on a Friday and is returned the following Wednesday. Each week your child will have one task to complete within a double page spread. Within the confines of the task, your child has free choice in how they present their work, using their imagination and creativity. I will talk through the tasks with the class, but if you, or your child, are unsure what to do, then please come and ask.

We would recommend that your child spends no more than 30 minutes a week on their home tasks.

Spelling – the words your child is expected to be able to learn by the end of the year are in their learning log. Each week, there will be a short list of words to practise.

Maths – as with spelling, the maths expectations for the year are also to be found in your child's learning log.

Please feel free to come and say hello after school, so that I can get to know you as well as your child. If you have any queries, questions or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me. If your child has achieved anything outside of school that you would like to share with me, that would be amazing too. Learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom and is important to celebrate every achievement. I look forward to seeing you all on the playground at the end of the school day.



John Blow Primary School

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Yours sincerely,

Miss K. Ball