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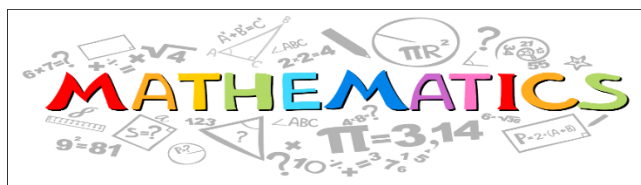


# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



From the very beginning of school and throughout their time at Pinehurst, our children are encouraged to develop a positive attitude toward mathematics and are supported in doing so through opportunities across the curriculum. We strive to help our children to become mathematically fluent through the discovery of mathematical ideas in the Early Years. The use of daily math instruction and focused "basic skills" sessions aid mathematical fluency throughout KS1 and KS2.

In Pinehurst, we use an adapted version of the "Maths No Problem" scheme to help the teaching and learning of mathematics. Every day, we start our math lessons with an exploratory activity backed by concrete resources like place value counters, blocks, Numicon, or Base 10. We encourage the children to take the initiative and lead the conversation as they brainstorm solutions with their peers. The children "journal" their thoughts, illustrating various approaches and suggestions they might make. After that, the children will work with their teacher on some guided activities before doing an autonomous activity based on what they learned that day.

We have an exciting couple of months ahead at Pinehurst. We have already celebrated Maths Party Day in September, and we will be having a combined TT Rockstars and NSPCC Numbers Count day at the beginning of February. We will be encouraging the children in KS1 to dress as Robots, to celebrate Numbots, and our KS2 children to dress as Rockstars for the day, asking for a small donation for NSPCC.

We would like to encourage all children to continue working hard to complete their Numbots and TT Rockstars homework, and we have been thrilled with the number of children who have been doing so. We have lots of competition winners, and we're looking forward to celebrating some new winners this year!

Please don't forget to share your great Maths work on Class Dojo and Twitter, we love to see your hard work!

### Leading Maths at Pinehurst Mr Timms

Diary Date – NSPCC Number Day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - EYFS to dress in Numbers, KS1 to dress as Robots, to celebrate Numbots, and our KS2 children to dress as Rockstars for the day, with a small donation for NSPCC (suggested 50p).

Don't forget to log in to TT Rockstars and Numbots every week

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

"Thinkuknow" websites for advice about staying safe when you are on a phone, tablet or computer, use this link to access the site.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Use this link to go direct to the parents/ carers part of the website

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

quote of the week

The expert in anything was once a beginner.

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	82.95%	127
R	Oak	78.41% 😊	0 😊
1	Cherry	90.83%	17
1	Elm	95.83%	161
2	Fir	95.54%	193
2	Yew	93.33%	141
3	Cedar	85.71%	20
3	Hazel	90.52%	185
4	Chestnut	93.75%	79
4	Holly	94.44%	147
5	Maple	98.50% 😊	215
5	Sycamore	92.31%	153
6	Birch	87.08%	58
6	Willow	92.67%	266 😞



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time

Which CIRCLE are you in?



You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, 1 February

Tuesday, 28 February

Wednesday, 15 March

Thursday, 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

Please be reminded Pinehurst will be closed to pupils on Wednesday next week.



### Bug Busting

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat them immediately should they be found. Thank you for your cooperation.



Reminder that children should be wearing PINEHURST PE KIT on one day per week. This is the school PE kit of a yellow t-shirt and navy shorts or joggers with a school jumper or cardigan please. NO OTHER SPORTS WEAR OR KITS. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Recommended Reading...

A funny rhyming story about dealing with change and overcoming worries, from the bestselling creators of The Lion Inside.

In a wonderful place, at the breaking of dawn, where the breezes were soft and the sunshine was warm, a place where the creatures ran wild and played free ... A Koala called Kevin clung to a tree. Meet Kevin. A koala who likes to keep things the same. Exactly the same. But sometimes change comes along whether we like it or not... And, as Kevin discovers, if you step outside your comfort zone and try new things, you might just surprise yourself!

WINNER of the Sainsbury's Book Award and the Evening Standard Oscar's Book Prize!

