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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning

Writing

English is made up of Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Children come to school with a wide range of skills and at different stages of development. English is taught in a daily Literacy lesson where specific skills are taught and practised as well as at other times of the day in different subjects. From when children start school, we encourage them to have a go at writing and they learn, through highly differentiated teaching, to be able to write using standard English. Spelling, punctuation and Grammar are taught through writing and children learn to write for a range of different purposes.

Leading English at Pinehurst Miss Thomas and Miss Wareing



'To every child – I dream of a world where you can laugh, dance, sing, learn, live in peace and be happy.'

Malala Yousafzai

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	92.67%	398 ☹️
R	Oak	96.33%	316 ☹️
1	Cherry	95.00%	64
1	Elm	96.52%	117
2	Fir	94.40%	253
2	Yew	97.20%	287
3	Cedar	95.93%	628 ☹️ Nearly 2 days of missed learning
3	Hazel	98.93% 😊	267
4	Chestnut	90.69%	136
4	Holly	91.43%	353 ☹️
5	Maple	86.52% ☹️	369 ☹️
5	Sycamore	97.37%	177
6	Birch	88.80%	97
6	Willow	90.38%	251
Whole School		93.73%	3713 ☹️

Remember the gates open at 8.40am and children are welcomed into classes to start their day with a morning activity.



Friday 7th February is NSPCC Number Day. Come to school wearing numbers for a donation of 50p to the NSPCC.

Impact of Absence

Any absence affects your education. Regular patterns of absence seriously affect learning. Catching up on missed work is difficult and at times impossible.

The best place for you to be is in the classroom with a teacher who can support your learning!

Please remember to call the school office by 9.00am if your child is absent 0151 263 1300



TOP TIPS

Encouraging your child to put pen to paper and write down some of their creative ideas for stories is not always the easiest task.

For your child to enjoy writing, it's important that writing feels fun and enjoyable for them.

We've put together some of our top tips to help make writing fun and get them writing for pleasure:

- Keep a box of writing tools and prompts for your child to use.
- Encourage your child to write about subjects they love, whether that is animals, superheroes, dancing or football.
- Talk to your child about what they like about their favourite books to read. Then encourage them to write something a little like that by using phrases and language from their reading within their writing
- Ask your child to think "what if?" to various scenarios. What if a film you have watched together had ended differently or the book characters met in a different country? Giving a child the freedom to adapt a story will make it fun.
- It's not just about fiction; many children may prefer writing other genres. Your child may prefer to draw a comic strip, write a report of a football match they have watched, or make up a recipe instead of writing a traditional story.
- If your child wants to write a story, laying it out visually can help. Work with your child to develop a "story map" where you draw pictures of key elements of a story in a line and build a piece of writing from there.
- Why not suggest to your child that you make your own book, newspaper or magazine? Theme it around a recent trip, holiday or experience and get everyone who took part to contribute a short piece of writing.

A Royal Celebration with our Year 1 Kings and Queens Day this week



THANKS A LATTE!

Our Coffee Morning on Thursday was a great success. Thank you to all who attended. Look out for future dates. Remember that you can call and speak to Ms Wigelsworth or book an appointment to see her via the school office.



Please be reminded of our Healthy Snacks Policy and portable snacks and that children should not be bringing sweets to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder about our Uniform expectations. Pupils should wear black shoes, not trainers. Whilst we understand that there may be occasions where this is not possible the majority of times all pupils from Y1-6 should follow this policy. Where pupils are not following the uniform policy we will speak to them in the first instance and then contact families if it continues. This also applies to having a PE kit in school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

