



Pinehurst Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2026



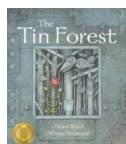
The information on this sheet will give you a brief overview of some of the activities we will be doing this half-term across the curriculum. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions, or can offer any support.

English

Our main English text this half term will be "The Tin Forest".

We will continue to be doing shared reading sessions each afternoon to develop the children's reading, comprehension and inference skills. We will send home another Spellings Booklet of Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words for children to practice throughout the week at home. We will be sending home Spelling Shed accounts again for each of the children so they are able to practice their spellings and reading skills interactively at home.

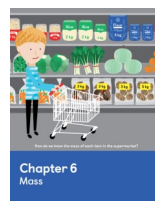
Within in English lessons, we will continue to develop their handwriting; focusing on the correct formation of letters and building fine motor control.



Common Exception Words			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
the	and	the	and
is	are	is	are
in	on	in	on
at	to	at	to
from	by	from	by
with	for	with	for
without	of	without	of
but	or	but	or
so	if	so	if
because	when	because	when
as	while	as	while
until	after	until	after
before	since	before	since
once	each	once	each
every	all	every	all
some	any	some	any
no	not	no	not
very	too	very	too
much	more	much	more
less	fewer	less	fewer
most	many	most	many
all	each	all	each
every	all	every	all
some	any	some	any
no	not	no	not
very	too	very	too
much	more	much	more
less	fewer	less	fewer
most	many	most	many

Maths

This half term in **Maths No Problem!** we will learn about Mass in Chapter 6, Temperature in Chapter 7 and Pictograms in Chapter 8. To aid with the children's understanding, we will be sending home mathematical challenges based around these chapters. We will also send home Numbots logins for the children. This will support them in their understanding of their times tables.



Computing

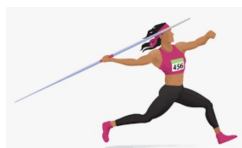
Children will learn the importance of how to use technology purposefully to store and retrieve digital content, and to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. They will create digital content and explore photo editing software. We will also celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February 2026.



P.E.

In P.E we will be doing athletics and some elements of dance. The children will be supported to develop fundamental movement skills, becoming increasingly competent and confident, and access a broad range of activities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.

PE will take place every **Monday** this half-term.



R.E.

In R.E, we will be learning about different places of worship with the question: What Makes Some Places Sacred? World Religion Day is celebrated on Sunday 18th January 2026 and Chinese New Year starts on Tuesday 17th February 2026.



P.S.H.E.

Our Jigsaw PSHE topic this half term is Dreams and Goals. This jigsaw piece focuses on choosing realistic goals and thinking about how to achieve them. It also looks at goal setting, aspirations for yourself and the world, and working together. 'Make Your Dreams Come True' Day is celebrated on Tuesday 13th January 2026.



Visits and Visitors (Building our Cultural Capital) – Father Daniel RE Visit.

Additional Information

Book bags should be brought in every day and books will be changed once they have been read three times, with a signature from an adult at home. Please support children in their reading. This should be a minimum of 10/15 minutes of reading per night.

Yew and Fir Class have P.E on a **Monday** afternoon.

Homework will be sent home weekly. This may be set via Class Dojo, or may be a paper exercise.

As a Geographer...

As a geographer, we will be learning:

About the UK seasonal changes, oceans and weather diaries.

We will also be doing some map work to improve our geographical mapping skills.



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As an artist...



As an artist, we will be learning:

We will be improving our painting skills; focusing on mixing primary and secondary colours.

We will be considering the work of Jackson Pollock and some of his pieces of work.

As a Linguist...

As a linguist, we will be learning:

All about the world around us with Senora Elba.

We will also be learning; colours, numbers, family members and a variety of animals.

Hola!

As a Scientist...

As a scientist, we will be learning:

About Animals, including Humans.

We considered all of the things we need to survive as humans, learnt about foods and their food groups, and explored the importance of hygiene

Animals
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Humans