



# Pinehurst Primary School

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 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

#### 'My Dad's a Birdman' by David Almond

In English this half term we will be reading 'My Dad's a Birdman' by David Almond. We will make detailed predictions using our knowledge of different genres. We will retell parts of the story from other another character's point of view. 'My Dad's a Birdman' is a 2007 children's illustrated novel by David Almond. It is about a girl, Lizzie, who finds herself looking after her dad, Jackie, after the death of her mother, and his dreams of competing in "The Great Human Bird Competition".

We have a daily Shared Reading or Phonics session, during which we will look at a different extract each week (fiction, non-fiction or poetry) and develop our reading skills.

We continue to practise cursive letter formation and spelling every day.



### Maths

#### Multiplication and Division

This half term in **Maths No Problem!** we will be focusing on **Time, Pictograms and Bar Graphs** and we will start to study **Fractions**. We will continue to work on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

We will also practice solving word problems related to the above units of work..

We have a 'Maths Basic Skills' session every day which will include skills linked to our lessons, as well as arithmetic and times tables practice.



### Computing

#### Debugging

Children will learn that a mistake or error in an algorithm or computer program is called a **bug**. We know we have a bug when our computer programs don't work as expected. They might be simple typing errors in the program code or more serious problems in the order or sequence of the code. They may even be errors that we made when we first organised our instructions into an **algorithm**. When we find the bugs, we can correct them. This is called **debugging**.



### P.E.

#### Striking & Fielding Games and Gymnastics

This half-term our PE day is **Friday**, and we be learning about striking & fielding games, like rounders and baseball.

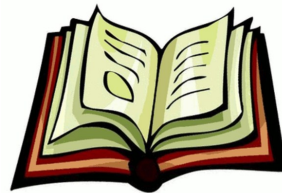
We will also be undertaking some gymnastics sessions.



### R.E.

#### What Can We Learn From Religions About Deciding What Is Right and Wrong?

The investigation implements the principal aim of RE, which is to engage pupils in systematic enquiry into significant human questions which religion and worldviews address, so that they can develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses to these questions, as well as develop responses of their own.



### P.S.H.E.

#### Relationships

In this puzzle, the children identify the roles and responsibilities of each member of their family and they reflect on the expectations for males and females. They will consider that some families have **stereotypical** roles, but this is not always the case and roles are different for each family.

Children will also identify and put into practice some of the skills of friendships and know how to negotiate in conflict situations to try to find a win-win solution.



### Visits and Visitors (Building our Cultural Capital) - Sports Day 2026

#### Additional Information

Book bags can now be brought in on any day and will be changed when they are in the Book Bag Box 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.

Year 3 have P.E on a **Friday** afternoon.

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

## As an Artist...



As an artist, we will be learning about:

Andy Goldsworthy.

We will be studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy, who is a British artist known for creating sculptures and installations in natural environments using materials found in nature, such as rocks, leaves, and ice.



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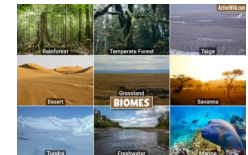
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## As a Geographer...

As a geographer, we will be learning about:

Biomes, including Climate Zones and Vegetation.

We are going to be learning about the Earth's six major biomes. We will learn about their specific climates and how these climates are impacted by their proximity to the equator and the amount of rainfall they receive.



## As a Linguist...

As a linguist, we will be learning:

How to read and write in Spanish.

With Senorita Elba, we will be focusing on birthdays; the key question will be 'When is your birthday?'

The children will use days of the week, months of the year and numbers to 30 in their answer.

# Hola!

## As a Musician...



As a musician, we will be learning about:

John Adams.

John Coolidge Adams is an American composer and conductor. He is particularly noted for his operas, many of which centre around historical events.



## As a Scientist...

As a scientist, we will be learning about: **Plants.**

We will be learning about plants, focusing on the functions of different plant parts (roots, stems, leaves, and flowers), what plants need to survive and grow, and how water is transported within plants. They also explore the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation, and seed dispersal.

