

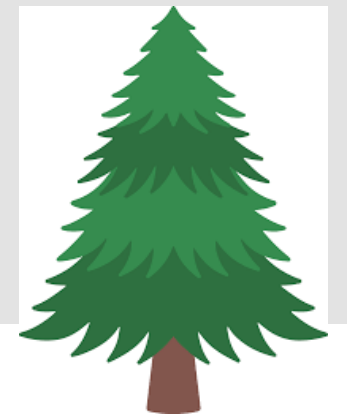
# Welcome to Pine Class



Mrs Louth

Mrs Barnes

Mrs McGill



# Reading



- **Reading in class**

Whole class reading. 4 times a week.

Focus on words in context, retrieval, inference and text structure.

Class reader daily 15 minutes.

Reading skills at the core of every English lesson.

Please bring in engaging texts to enjoy in school.

- **Reading at home**

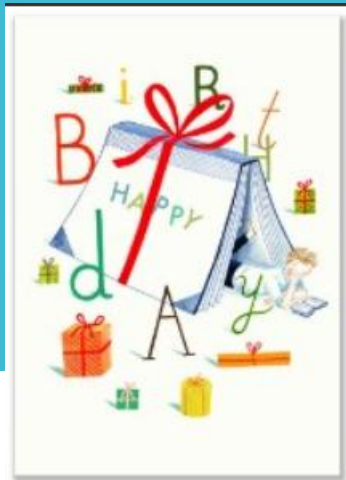
Please aim to read daily and record this in the planner.

Books should be read more than once.

Ask questions about the text to develop comprehension skills.

Focus on reading for pleasure.

# Birthday books



At St Nicolas we love celebrating your birthdays! We have a birthday book list on the English section of our website (under the curriculum tab). Any book purchased for your child's birthday will have their name placed inside the book and will be presented in assembly. This book will then be placed in the library to be enjoyed by others for many years to come. Please hand any books bought to the office with your child's name and birthday details.

# Maths



- ## Mastery approach

Practical activities to embed our learning alongside adult-led, small group working.

- ## Multiplication Check

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools.

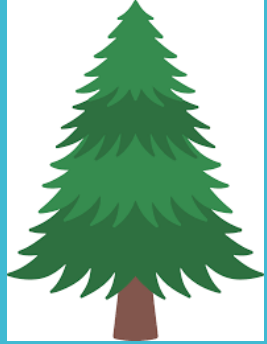
The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible Year 4 pupils in the 2 weeks of the term following the spring half term break.

For practice tests please use:

[Multiplication tables check - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)



# Afternoons

Our topics in Year 4 will be:

- ## Science

Autumn - States of Matter and Sound.

Spring – Electricity and 'The Big Science Event.'

Summer – Living things and their habitats and Animals Including Humans

- ## Geography

Autumn- The UK

Spring – Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Summer – Land Use and Settlements

- ## History

Autumn - The Maya Civilisation

Spring – The Romans

Summer – The Anglo Saxons

Children will also have a weekly lesson of art or DT, music, RE, PSHE, computing and French.

Please see the school website for a detailed breakdown of each unit of work and the Year 4 Class Page for a Curriculum Overview.

# Key Home Learning

**Home learning issued weekly on a Tuesday and is to be returned the following Monday.**

- **Spellings**

We will focus on a spelling rule/pattern each week and activities will be sent home to practise this, rather than specific words. The rule/pattern will be tested.

- **Reading**

Please listen to your child read at home every day and record this in the planner.

- **Maths**

Weekly arithmetic/timetables

# Going the Extra Mile

**Going the Extra Mile home learning will be issued weekly on a Tuesday. Please note this will not be marked in school. Answers will be available for you to access at home.**

- Maths and English

Weekly maths and English homework will be available via the class page to consolidate learning.

# Growth mindset



- **Dojos**

Dojo points are awarded for good listening, concentration and perseverance, among other things, aiming to earn whole-class rewards.

- **House points**

House points are awarded for achievements in learning.

- **Zones of regulation**

We discuss how they were feeling when they made inappropriate choices and talk about how they can get themselves back in the green learning zone.

# PE



**PE** lessons will be twice a week in Autumn: Tuesday (PE or swimming) and Thursday.

The children should wear their PE kit to school, with shorts worn underneath jogging bottoms.

Earrings need to be removed on PE days or Micropore tape/a plaster applied if necessary.

***They should only wear lace-up trainers if they can fasten laces independently.***

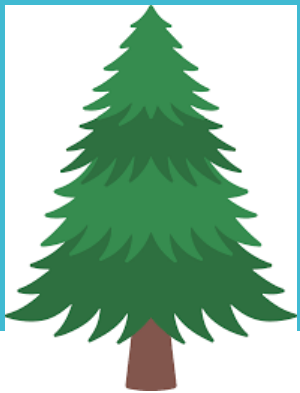
# Year 4 Residential



This will be held at Ufton Court near Reading; further details about the trip will be shared nearer the time.

Children will depart on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and stay for 1 night returning to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

# General information



- ❖ Please record reading in the planner and sign at the end of each week.
- ❖ Use the planner to communicate with us.
- ❖ Any urgent communications to go through the office please.
- ❖ Log ins for the websites we use will be listed in the planners.
- ❖ Please read and discuss the home-school agreement with your child, sign it and discuss the anti-bullying charter.
- ❖ Children should have a **named** bottle of water every day.
- ❖ Please **label** all clothes with your child's name so we can return your property.