

# Live and Learn for Life



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## Pine Class Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1

Dear parents,

**Welcome back!** It has been lovely to have the children back in school today and hearing all of the exciting things they have been doing over the summer. We hope that you found the Year Group Guide for Year Five useful but please do ask if you have any further questions. You can email the class mailbox at any time and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

### Geography

This half term our topic is titled 'Around the World'. Please see our topic overview sheet and knowledge organiser to see which objectives will be covered as part of the topic. We will be covering the different time zones across the world, positioning using longitude and latitude, comparing hot and cold climates with the UK as well as looking at more specific features such as the position and significance of the Equator, the Northern Hemisphere, and the Southern Hemisphere. We will end our topic by tasting and comparing traditional cuisines from the various countries studied! More information will be sent out about this nearer the time.

### Design and Technology

This half term our Design and Technology topic is titled 'Funky Furnishings!' Information on this topic can be found on the Knowledge Organiser and topic overview sheet. The children will be learning how to work with textiles and sewing. This will revolve around the creation of a cushion cover.

### PE

Just a quick reminder that Pine Class have PE sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons so they will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. Our first unit this year will be Cross Country- children will work on their fitness and endurance to maintain and improve running over a distance.

### Home Learning

In Year 5, children will receive a weekly spelling rule. Each week, children will be checked on this rule and given a list of spellings to learn that apply to this rule. As well as this, there will be some of our Year 5 words included in the



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word list as the expectation is that, the children know how to read and spell these words by the end of the year. Children can practice their spelling rule on ReadWriter or using alternative methods. As well as this, children will be expected to read 20 minutes a day and will use Accelerated Reader to quiz on texts that they have read. For the first week or two of the term, children will be concentrating on spelling and reading; maths home learning will follow later on in the term.

## **Updating information**

Please ensure that the office have any contact detail changes e.g. phone numbers or addresses. If your child needs an inhaler or other medication in school on a daily basis, please ensure that all medication has been brought into school as soon as possible and that it is clearly named and in date. We also need an accompanying completed medication permission form which you can print from our website or collect from us on the school gate.

## **Reading**

In Year 5, we will be using Accelerated Reader as their reading programme. Children will be given a ZPD range in the first or second week of term which will inform them what books they can choose. Until children have been given their new ZPD range in the first or second week, they won't be bringing a book home. Once children have access to Accelerated Reader, they will be able to quiz on books in school. We will send home login information so that you are able to access your child's quiz results.

We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting half term. Please do not hesitate to contact the Pine mailbox and we will reply when we can.

***Mr Allington and Mrs Lloyd***

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