



## Phoenix Class Newsletter End of Term 5 and looking forward to Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though this term has been a short one it has been packed with learning and exciting days. In English the children have been working on narrative; we read the book 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. This tells the story of the journey of a small jar of water that a little boy collects from a mountain stream and how it travels around the world. The children wrote setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases and past tense verbs which are on display on our class board.

During the week of VE day we learnt about the end of the war in Europe and how people celebrated. It was lovely to see so many of the parents and carers in school for the picnic. Phoenix children designed their own commemorative coin and made posters showing what the celebrations looked like in London, which we displayed in the hall. We hope you enjoyed sharing this special day with us.

In the last week of term we were lucky enough to visit a dairy farm in Hullavington. The activities ranged from meeting the new calves, feeding them silage and learning how they grow, making our own butter from cream and tasting it and even making ice cream! The children collected mini-beasts from the farm's hedgerows and examined them under a microscope. They also found three different types of lichen on the trunk of an ancient Oak tree and learnt how to estimate the age of the tree from the circumference of its trunk.



### **A few things to remember:**

Next term we will be studying living things and their habitats including classification in Science.

Have a lovely May half term holiday and we are looking forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

From Miss Ford, Mrs Pym and Mrs Plaskitt.