

## PHOENIX CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year in Phoenix class. After a very different end to the last school year, I hope you had the chance to enjoy a lovely summer break. I'm sure that the children are feeling refreshed, eager and ready for an exciting term ahead. We look forward to working with you to develop your child's confidence to fulfil their potential and developing a love of learning.

Even though the nature of the classroom learning will be somewhat different to normal because of current events, Phoenix class has lots to look forward to this term. We will start the year by getting to know each other again, team building and developing a positive mindset. This will be alongside extended work on settling the children back into school routines and making them feel safe and comfortable. We also expect children in Phoenix class to take on more responsibilities both in their learning and across the school.

### **Topics**

We are beginning our year studying the same book across the whole school, 'The Koala Who Could' by Rachael Bright. In our PSHE sessions, we will be taking time to explore the positive messages in the story and share our own thoughts and ideas. The story is set in Australia and we will be studying this diverse land and some of the creatures that live there.

Our Geography topic, 'Our World', links with our story. We will learn about different places around the globe, learn to read maps and make comparisons between the physical and human geography of various locations.

In Science we will be learning about plants. We will get to know different parts of a plant and their functions, and learn about what plants need to grow well. We will link this learning with ongoing experiments in the classroom.

Please also see a curriculum map with details of what is to be covered in each subject area. Please let us know if you have any ideas or resources that you think would benefit the children and the class in any way. Thanks

### **Homework and reading**

Reading with your children is incredibly important. Allocate regular time to listen to them read and for you to read to them – this is also very beneficial.

We are still finalising our school's policy on homework and will let you know shortly about expectations for children's home learning.

### **PE & Water bottles**

Phoenix will have PE on Mondays and Thursday. As you already know, children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit on those days, to eliminate the need for changing in school. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear to allow them to fully take part, especially in colder weather. Please make sure your child always has a named water bottle.

Finally, if you have any concerns or issues about your child's schooling, or anything else that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Mr Osler and Mrs Mungham**