

PHOENIX CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter holiday. I really hope that you and the children have had an enjoyable and restful few weeks. You all deserved it! I also hope that you are feeling refreshed enough to begin term 5. While still having to abide by safety guidelines, we seek to continue to function in as normal a way as possible in school, and give the children the best learning experiences we can.

Topics

Our term's school value is Perseverance, and this will become the focus of many collective worships and PSHE lessons. We aim to instil in the children an understanding that it is important to work hard at something and try not to give up when things are tough. This will also fit in with our ongoing work on having a growth mindset. It involves the children being responsible for their learning in the knowledge that things can always be made better through support and encouragement.

In Science lessons, our main topic is Light. The children will be learning about what light is and how it behaves. They will conduct various tests to demonstrate the properties of light. We will investigate how shadows are formed and aim to produce a short puppet show.

Our history is the Tudors. This is another vast and exciting history topic so we will concentrate on some particular aspects including: The Tudor monarchs; The lives of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I; what happened in the Battle of Bosworth; The Mary Rose; the clothing people wore and the hobbies they had; Tudor houses and their typical construction.

In computing, and in addition to the regular internet safety input, children will learn about databases and spreadsheets and how these can be used to collect, analyse, evaluate, and present their data and information. They will make their own branching databases, collating and organising data by sets of questions they have considered appropriate. Children will create a branching database which includes suitable text, titles and gathering of appropriate images from online and importing them then analyse each other's branching databases and can make further suggestions for improvement.

Homework and reading

Please continue to read with **and to** your children. This time is so beneficial. Any reading material and text types is good. Chat about the content of the text and try to think of questions related to the children's understanding. Please also make sure reading records are signed each time to indicate to school that this practice is being followed. We aim for at least four times a week. Thanks.

Regular homework is set at the end of the week. This involves tasks from an English textbook and online Maths activities. Please support you child in achieving the set homework each week and let us know if there are any issues around homework completion.

PE & Water bottles

Phoenix will continue to have PE on Mondays and Thursday. As before, send your child into school wearing their PE kit on those days. 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.

Of course, 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 via Mrs Howe in the school office on (admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk)

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