

PHOENIX CLASS END OF TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Time has flown! Christmas is nearly upon us already.

In Phoenix over Term 2, we have continued to show a positive attitude towards our learning and have embraced the topic of Crime and Punishment with relish.

The children really enjoyed discovering the gruesome details of how criminals were dealt with over different time periods. At the start of term, we learnt about the Gunpowder plot, and how Guy Fawkes planned to blow up parliament. Of course, this didn't go to plan and Mr Fawkes was sentenced to be hung, drawn and quartered. While this form of punishment is obviously barbaric, it certainly whetted the children's appetites for learning about these practices over the years. We have gone on to study crime and punishment in Roman Britain, Anglo-Saxon times, the Tudor reign, and what it was like to be in a Victorian prison. Dick Turpin was a further study, as we looked at different sources of historical information to help our class form our opinions of him.

Following the whole-class reading of The Iron Man in term 1, the children were really keen to experience The Iron Woman, Ted Hughes' sequel. It has been fantastic! The children loved the incredible and supernatural events and amazing descriptions in the story and we were hooked from day 1. Also studied, as part of our English lessons, was The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl – another great story with a moral stance. We planned and wrote our own versions of this classic children's book featuring the Gregg family not hunting ducks this time, but chopping down trees, dropping litter or playing music too loudly. The class really enjoyed having the family in their story being 'taught a lesson' and being made to change their ways.

Some of the other learning in Phoenix has included: investigating how heavier objects take more force to move along, and finding out the best material for a car to travel along; why the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is important to Christians, and why some people are baptised; dribbling and passing a football confidently and accurately; and studying some of the artwork of L.S. Lowry finishing with creating our own artwork in his style. Phew!

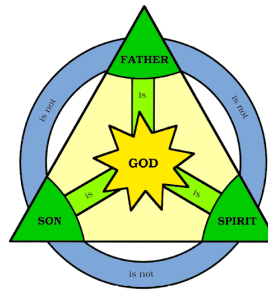
I hope the children have a well-deserved Christmas break and we'll see you all bright and fresh in 2022.

Best wishes

Mr Osler



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The Magic Finger

