

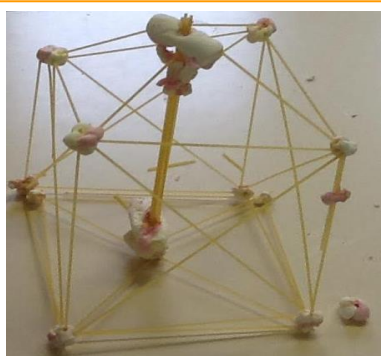
Phoenix Newsletter

Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back after what was hopefully a lovely Christmas break for everyone. I want to thank you for your kind cards and gifts, they were most appreciated. We hope you all feel recharged and refreshed ready for the new term. Our themes for this term are Extreme Earth and the Rainforest.



We designed
earthquake
proof
buildings.

Homework

Children in Phoenix are expected to complete the following Learning at Home on a weekly basis:

- Home Multiplications: at least 1 time a week
- Reading at home: daily (5 minutes each time)
- Maths Whizz: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Home Spelling book: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Learning Log activities (optional)

For more information please see our Parent Information Leaflet.

Key Dates:

Parents evening (booking sheets will be available via the school office nearer the time).

- Tuesday, 5th February 2019 from 5pm
- Thursday, 7th February 2019 from 3.30pm

Tree planting assembly- All children will then be given the opportunity to plant trees during the week

- Monday, 25th February

Houghton Woods survival morning- Phoenix Class will be going to Houghton Woods for a survival experience. The children will complete a range of activities using co-operation and teamwork to achieve their goals. More information to follow.

Bushcraft information assembly and parent information event- Dates to be confirmed

Values:

January - Co-operation

February - Democracy

March - Forgiveness

April - Trust

Reading:

Children earn a sticker towards a reading reward every time they read three or more times per week at home. I would encourage you to help the progression of your child's reading by asking them questions about the book regularly, examples of questions can be found in your child's reading record.

Learning Enrichment



The new term began with children from Phoenix Class enjoying a workshop from the Anne Frank Trust UK which works with schools to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge prejudice and discrimination.

The children completed a range of exciting activities. After an excellent workshop, we are very fortunate that the Anne Frank Trust has selected us to work with children in Phoenix Class to be Anne Frank Ambassadors

School Uniform

Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Friday although we do appreciate PE kits being available in school all week. Please ensure that your child has appropriate school PE kit and uniform. Please have a look at our website for details of the essential items for your child's uniform. The children will be making use of the outside areas and will require suitable clothing for any wet or cold weather.

Maths Whizz

All of the children at Houghton Conquest are thoroughly enjoying engaging with Maths Whizz. Please do encourage your child to log onto Maths Whizz for **45 minutes a week** to achieve a minimum of **three progressions** by participating within a range of activities that are personalised to your child's individual needs.

Please do take time to log on yourselves to track your child's progress and leave messages of encouragement for your child!

Curriculum:

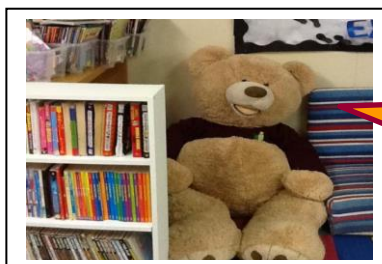
Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to the end of the second term.

Drinks and Healthy snacks

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day that will come home each day to be cleaned and refilled. Please note, children are not allowed juice or flavoured water in school (except within a packed lunch).

Attendance:

Last half term, we won the attendance bear and the children are thoroughly enjoying having it in the classroom. It was fantastic to see so many children in the class with 100% attendance at the end of the term. It would be super if our attendance was the best in the school again so the bear can stay for another half term.



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We hope you have all the information you need about Phoenix Class, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day or arrange a meeting via the office if you would rather discuss a query or concern in private. Thank you for your support,

Mr Hetherington