



# Robin's Newsletter

## Term 2 (2023)



### Important Dates:

Term 2 begins 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Term 2 ends 20<sup>th</sup> December

Staff Development:  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Term 3 begins 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Term 3 ends 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Welcome back to Phoenix Community



*Year 3 Team*  
*Ms Hills, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs McCutcheon*

Welcome back after a somewhat damp half term and our team continues with myself, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs McCutcheon, to support your child/children's learning and well-being. As always, we are here to discuss any matters you are unsure of, so please feel free to find us at the beginning of the day or after school.

We often talk to the children about the importance of reading, how it exposes them to new language and writing techniques they could use in their own creations. Please do encourage the children to read each day and bring their books into school with them. Although technology will often be used to help check our spellings or grammar it is still very important the children understand the phonic structure of words. Alongside our reading sessions the children are engaging with refresher to these on a daily basis but SpellingShed will also support from home. Similarly DoodleMaths and Tables will help increase the children's number facts, which will help them process their maths with greater confidence, during lessons.

The forthcoming term will see the children exploring Power and Empire, looking at the Roman Empire. Robins will be able to understand the significance of the battle tactics, as well as the impact they had on Britain, which will involve a trip to the Roman Villa in Canterbury. We shall look at food nutrition within science (and DT) and understanding the various food groups and the benefits of each. Routinely the children will enjoy music and computing on Tuesday, PE lessons and the school library on Friday.

Just to remind you that our school day begins at 8:40am. Unless your child attends breakfast club, they will now be able to be walked to their class. It is key that the children arrive promptly, as tasks will be ready for their arrival and will often involve some pre-teaching to ensure the children have the skills to engage with the day's work. If there is a change to the adult collecting them, or to the situation, it is important that you let the class staff/office know, or provide a note to the class. It is also important that we instill children's independence so we encourage children to deliver all letters to the staff within the classroom, to deal with accordingly.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled on the school's Twitter feed for tweets, school blog/Seesaw to view class activities and your child's learning achievements. Your participation could earn teams extra points.

Thank you for your support  
Ms Hills, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs McCutcheon

### Physical Education

PE lessons will take place on a Friday

- Your child is expected to come to school in their PE kit.

Team t-shirts are available to buy from the front office.

Please remember to bring

- A **named** water bottle everyday (plain water only)
- An appropriate bag
- **Name** all items of clothing

### Family Learning:

- Family Learning will be set on Thursday each week, via Seesaw, with an expectation for the task to be completed by the following Wednesday. There will be a writing task as well as a focus on daily reading, Spelling Shed and Maths Doodle.

### Reading Books:

- Please encourage your child to read to you and discuss the story and characters, to develop their understanding and understanding of vocabulary, to use in context.