



Robin's Newsletter

Term 3



Important Dates:

Term 3 begins 8th January 2024

Term 3 ends 9th February 2024

Staff Development: 5th January

Term 4 begins: 19th February

Term 4 ends: 28th March 2024

Welcome back to Phoenix Community



Year 3 Team

Ms Hills, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs McCutcheon

Welcome back after the festive season..... We hope you have had an enjoyable time and the children are ready for term 3.

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.

I can not reiterate the importance of reading and hope that this term we can work with the children on encouraging them to bring their books home, to continue their reading opportunities outside of school. Reading not only provides children with the practice to on recognizing and blending words but also to learn techniques and styles of different authors. The different genre and authors we are exposed to, will help develop our writing skills. Please read with your child/children for ten minutes a day and discuss what and how the words have been written/used.

The forthcoming term will see the children exploring Maps, looking at time lines, hemispheres and how/why lives differ in the various regions of the World. Robins will be investigating rocks, fossils and soils as part of the science learning. We shall look at how to test different rocks and understand how fossils form. We shall investigate a trip to Folkestone, to fossil hunt but this may take place later in the year, when the weather is brighter.....Within French we shall look at French celebrations and festivals and within PSHE, we shall understand goals and dreams. As we have done already this year, the children will enjoy music and computing on Tuesday, whilst PE lessons and the school library will take place 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 delivery 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

