



# Robin's Newsletter

## Terms 5 (2023/2024)



### Important Dates:

Term 5 begins 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 5 ends 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Staff Inset/Holidays:  
6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
24<sup>th</sup> May Inset day

Term 6 begins 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Term 6 ends 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Welcome back to Phoenix Community



Ms Hills, Mrs Newcombe and Mrs Tamang

### 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.

Welcome back after the Easter break and a very mixed weather. I anticipate this will continue across this term and suggest the children bring coats and jumpers. We have the exciting news that Mrs Tamang will be joining us this term and will help support the children on their learning journey. Our timetable remains much the same with computing and Music on Tuesday and PE on Friday. Thursday and Friday will remain as reading for pleasure days, with Friday's session taking place in the library. I say it each term but it is extremely important children **read regularly as this not only supports their understanding of the text but aids their writing**. Remember reading of subtitles on the TV is a great opportunity too. Spelling Shed continues as part of our spelling activities, with a test taking place each week. The group spellings are uploaded to the Spelling Shed app each week for your child/ren to enjoy accessing at home and will form part of the homework set weekly, together with Doodle Maths. Please encourage your child to access the Doodlemaths app or PurpleMash activities which both support the learning of Times Tables. This skill has a huge impact on their confidence, when calculating mathematical problems.

This coming term we shall be learning about plants, their various parts and functions as well as understanding pollination. We are in the process of arranging a trip to Down House, where they will learn about Darwin's experiments.

Within Art we shall be studying Henri Rousseau and hope some sketching at Down House, can be the inspiration for the children's own creations.



Just to remind you that our school day begins at 8:40am. Unless your child attends breakfast club, they will need to be dropped off at the gate. 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 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. Should you ever need to make contact, please feel free to provide a note with your child or leave a message at the office and I shall endeavor to get back to you.

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 Tamang