



Flamingo's Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2 (2020)

Welcome back to Phoenix Community

Important Dates:

Term 1 begins 2nd Sept
Term 1 ends 23rd Oct

Half Term
24th Oct - 1st Nov

Term 2 begins 2nd Nov
Term 2 ends 17th Dec



Year 5 Team

Ms Hills, Mrs Drake and Miss Caddy

Physical Education

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday

- Children are expected to wear their PE kit to school on a Wednesday ready for their PE lesson

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

Please remember to bring

- A named water bottle everyday (plain water only)
- Name all items of clothing

Family Learning:

- Family Learning will be set on Friday each week, via Seesaw, providing a range of responses, with an expectation for the task to be completed by the following Wednesday. Although we will focus on knowledge and key skills, daily reading is also important.

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 to Flamingo's class and to the team. You may be aware both Mrs Drake and myself were the staff within the class last year, but we have now been joined by Miss Caddy. She has been with the school for some time, so the children should be familiar with her.

It is going to be wonderful to see the children and this first term will be challenging for a number of them, however and we shall focus on their well-being and adjusting back in to the school day and routines. Aside from the on-going nurture, we shall develop their resilience and reflective abilities in order to cultivate their oracy skills. Although we read within school, it is vital for the children to extend this opportunity within the home. Please could you sign your child's record **book/card** - a surprise may well be in store for a lucky reader. Spelling Shed continues as part of our afternoon activities, with an aim to develop and progress their current spelling skills, with a test taking place on Monday afternoon. The group spellings will be uploaded to the Spelling Shed app, for your child to enjoy accessing at home. Please feel free to enquire how to access if you are experiencing problems. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to access this app and perhaps have a competition with them. Routinely the children will enjoy music lessons on Monday, the school library on Friday, with PE and ICT on Wednesday and a times table test at least twice a week.

The forthcoming term will see the children exploring British history, in particular the Victorian era - we shall investigate daily life for children and adults, inventions from the period and the dangerous characters that pursued the streets. We shall also discuss punishment, which will give the children a super opportunity to debate, as we shall have a great deal of focus on pupil voice. Studies indicate how effective it is to encourage oracy before they write, so please do engage with their daily activities, to reinforce their learning. Within Science, the children will be looking at properties and changes in material, which will connect well with DT and the designing and building of clocks. As part of our geography we shall learn about land use and the impact on living things and their habitats; combining scientific knowledge. If there are any parents/ carers or family members who have knowledge or would love to talk to the children about their careers, which may involve engineering, law or how careers involve chemical changes, please do get in touch.

Just to remind you that our school day begins at 8:35am. 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. Joining Year 5 brings a change for the children, regarding the end of the day. 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 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. 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, we welcome you to Flamingo's class. 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 Drake and Miss Caddy