



Year R News-Term 1

Phoenix Community Primary School



News

We would like to welcome you all to Phoenix Primary School and Penguins Class and Team.

Class Teacher : Mrs Lockwood

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Buckman, Miss Yalcin, Miss Maul

The children are settling in well to their new class. They look very smart in their new uniforms and are obviously proud to be wearing them. Please ensure everything is named, as the uniform all looks the same once they have taken a jumper off!

This term we will be focusing on getting to know and developing relationships with the children. We want the children to feel confident enough to communicate with us in play and tell us how they are feeling and what they are enjoying. We will be playing lots of games to get to know one another.

Over the next few weeks we will be concentrating on the routines of the day. We will be teaching the children how they need to prepare themselves ready for listening on the carpet and remembering to put their hand up if they would like to share ideas. We will be spending lots of time teaching the children how to use the toys and the equipment correctly and how to put them away when they have finished. We would appreciate it if you could talk to your child about this at home. We are on the classroom door every afternoon and there is

always a member of the reception team on the gate in the morning for you to talk to if you wish to discuss anything.

PE- Takes place every Friday. They will need a PE kit kept in school.

Term dates

End of term 1 Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2 begins 28th October 2019

Literacy

In Reception we have a large emphasis on the teaching of early reading and writing.

This term we will be focusing on pencil control and name writing. We will practise fine motor skills and activities as a precursor to early writing.

The children will also develop early writing through writing labels and signs during role play and building models.

Maths



In Reception we teach a large amount of our numeracy through practical activities, rhymes and songs and we also use Number Blocks as a starting point to our learning.

This term we will be focusing on developing confidence with numbers, through the teaching of number recognition and accurate counting of objects.

Phonics & Reading

In Reception we will be using Read, Write Ink, to teach the children their initial sounds.

We will be teaching the children to use their sounds to blend and segment simple words.



We will be sending reading books home once the

children are in full time. Please share and talk about the story books.



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Important Dates

23rd September– Children in full time.
 1st and 2nd October– Parents evening
 21st—25th October– Half Term
 29th October– Trip to the Pumpkin field
 20th November– Cinema trip

The school day starts at 8:40 and the register is taken at 8:50. The morning routine is an important part of settling into school, where the children learn independence and organisational skills.

The children will bring home letters and their work in their book bags. Please look in their book bags regularly as they can get quite full of all their achievements!

Topic

Our topic this term is 'All About Me'.

We will be looking at how the children have changed, from when they were a baby to now and also thinking ahead to how they might change as they grow older. We will be focusing on different parts of the body and how we can use labels to identify these, with the children writing their own labels. We will talk about families, pets and people who are important to us.



We will also be looking at the 5 Senses, carrying out some activities. We will focus on keeping healthy and what happens if we are ill and who can help us.

Outside Learning

The children will have access to the outside area during their Challenge sessions everyday, in all weathers.



Please ensure that you provide your child with suitable coats and footwear, if possible a pair of wellingtons that could stay at school.

Outdoor learning is a great way for children to explore and enquire about their environment. We will spend lots of time outside!



Suggested books and activities for home

Books

Please encourage your child to look at or read a variety of books. Sharing books together with your child is a rewarding experience for all.

Home Learning

Home Learning is given out on Friday to be returned the following week by Thursday. These activities are a chance for you to talk about what your child has been learning and for you to share an activity based on our topic to be completed at home with your child.

On going Activities

Counting and recognising numbers to 20

Spotting numbers on doors, sign posts, number plates and posters.

Looking out for letters in the environment and practising sounding out simple words.