



Year R News-Term 5

Phoenix Community Primary School



News

Our topic in term 5 is 'Life on Land and water'.

Our term starts with looking for signs of spring, we will be identifying different signs of spring around our school site.

This term we will be looking at Life cycles of a frog, minibeasts, creatures in the ocean and growing vegetables.

Each week we will follow a different story to support our learning of these themes. We will look at the Teeny Weeny Tadpole by Sheridan Caine, Super Worm by Julia Donaldson, Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson and the traditional tales– The Enormous Turnip and Little Red Hen,

We will also be having another trip to Mrs Lockwood's working farm to learn about where bread comes from, we will act out the story of the Little Red Hen and plant corn, grind our own flour and make our own bread at the farm.



Literacy

Our English work will be based around our topic of Life on Land and Water.

As well as the story books, we will also use some fiction books to focus lifecycles, minibeasts and different land and sea creatures.

We will retell the stories as well as start to make minibeast fact files.



Maths



This term we will continue to practise and become fluent in our counting and using numbers to 20 and continue counting beyond. We still consolidating our skills of addition and subtraction through concepts such as combining sets of numbers.

We will also have a look at weighing and measuring using non standard units. This will be linked to our topic.

PE– Takes place every Friday. Hopefully with the improved weather we will have every PE lesson outside in the sunshine! Children will need to wear their school jumper over their PE kit. Children are to come into school in their PE kits with a school jumper. Plain black shorts and their house colour PE T-shirt.



Phonics & Reading

In Reception we will be using Read, Write Ink, to teach the children their sounds, this term they will be learning digraphs—two letters to make one sound.



Please read with your child and ensure you write in their purple book so we can changed their reading books regularly. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home with your child. Please also read them a bedtime story, it is precious time together.



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Important

- As the weather becomes warmer the children will be wanting to take jumpers off. Please can you check all your child's sweaters to see if the name needs to be rewritten after washing as they do fade over time.
- Please regularly check your child's hair for headlice. As the children play closely together, unfortunately the lice can spread easily.
- As the sunny weather is on us, we recommend you put some sun-cream on your child before school. We do have a class sun-cream if you are happy for us to apply or you can send your child in with their own bottle to apply themselves.



Outside Learning

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

Outdoor learning is a great way for children to explore and enquire about their



environment. We will spend lots of time outside!

Hopefully this term with the improved weather we will be outside den building and bug hunting. The children may need sun cream applied in the morning if we are lucky enough to have any hot weather.



PSHE

This term's PSHE focus is around building healthy relationships. The children across the year groups will learn how to make and sustain friendships as well as recognising how friendships can change. Over the course of the term, the children will recap about keeping safe online; then build an awareness of taking care of their own mental health. Should you have any questions or queries regarding this term's Relationship topic then please catch up with one of our team after school.



7 Tips To Ease Into A Back To School Routine

- #1 - DEDICATE A PLACE FOR SCHOOL NECESSITIES
- #2 - ESTABLISH A SLEEP SCHEDULE
- #3 - CREATE A MORNING ROUTINE
- #4 - MAKE MEALS TOGETHER A PRIORITY
- #5 - HAVE YOUR KIDS MAKE THEIR OWN LUNCH
- #6 - GET FAMILIAR WITH ANY NEW SURROUNDINGS
- #7 - MAKE PLAY DATES OR SIGN UP FOR AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

