



Seven Stars Primary School

Phoenix Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

Phoenix have made a brilliant start to the new term. Keep it up Phoenix because this term is going to be a busy one! Our new topic is 'Amazing Americas!' This topic is mainly geography focused as we find out about different countries in the Americas. We will then be zooming in on Mexico and Brazil, finding out about the culture and ways of life and the physical and human features. This topic also covers The Ancient Maya Civilization in history.

As you know, Year 6 is an extremely important year for your children as it is the last of their primary school education. Year 6 SATs are going ahead this year and children will sit their SATs between **Monday 9th May and Thursday 12th May**.

We will continue to read daily in school through whole class reading lessons and also encourage children to take a book from the school library. Please help us to promote a love of reading by continuing to encourage your child to read at home as much as possible. As always, please feel free to chat to any of the Phoenix staff team at the end of school days or send a message on Class Dojo.

Miss Unsworth

P.E -

Our PE days for this term are Tuesdays and Fridays. Children can come to school wearing their PE kit. We are likely to be outside so full outdoor PE kit is advised. Earrings should either not be worn.

School Values

We will be continuing to look for children who demonstrate our school values: determination, responsibility, tolerance, empathy, kindness, resilience, courage, respect, gratitude and honesty.

HELPING AT HOME -

Continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. We may ask the children questions about the text before we allow them to change it if they are still on the school reading scheme. We may ask them to read through the text again if they are unable to answer questions.

ENGLISH -

Throughout our units of writing we will be focusing on different sentence structures, consistent and correct use of punctuation, varied punctuation and use of description. This term, we will be covering the texts *The Highwayman* (classical narrative poem) and *Holes* (novel).

MATHS -

This term we will be concentrating on mental strategies to help us with our arithmetic questions. We will also be practising our problem solving skills every week. When solving problems, we encourage children to think through these questions: Do I know the answer? Can I solve this in my head? Do I need to do a jotting? Do I need to use a written method?

Topic

Geography - Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within North or South America.

History - The Ancient Maya Civilization

DT - Making a maze game (Spring 1) Mexican food (Spring 2)

Art - Colours of Mexico - drawing and painting skills, looking at the artist Frida Kahlo

Science - 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Evolution and adaptation'

Computing - Presenting information in various ways, internet safety and creating our own presentation about Mexico

Music - Ukulele (Mr Stott)