



Seven Stars Primary School

Phoenix Curriculum News Letter

Spring Term 2023

Welcome back Phoenix! I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas and are ready for your next term in Year 6. Keep up the hard work you have been putting in so far, it's going to be another busy term!

Our new topic this term will be focused around World War 2 and how life has changed in Britain since the 1940s. We will be finding out about the events leading up to World War 2, the Blitz and life back home. I am sure you will find it really interesting!

As you know, Year 6 is an extremely important year as it is the last year of primary school education. The SATs tests will take place from **Tuesday 8th May to Friday 12th May**.

We will continue to read daily in school through our whole class reading lessons and we will also be encouraging 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 the school days, or send a message on Class Dojo.

Miss Fletcher and Miss Hickson

P.E - Our P.E sessions are Tuesday and Friday this term. The children can come to school in their PE kit. PE kit is a white T-shirt, black shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers. Children can wear their school jumper in cold weather and earrings should not be worn on PE days. **We are no longer swimming on Thursdays.**

OPAL- Children will be allowed on the fields during breaks and dinners. It can get very muddy during Autumn and Winter. Children can bring in wellies or boots to protect their shoes. Waterproofs are also welcome.

PSHE and Our School Values

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

In PSHE, this half term Year 6 will be receiving sessions delivered by Lancashire Mind to improve mental well-being and to help develop resilience skills. In the second half of the term, we will look at Growing and Changing, which will include human reproduction and birth.

HELPING AT HOME - Please don't hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo if you have any queries throughout the year.

Children should be encouraged to read regularly at home. To develop comprehension skills in preparation for the SATs tests, we will ask children various questions about their chosen books before they change them. Children may also wish to practise **times tables** and division facts to support them with their maths lessons, as well as telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks.

English - Throughout our English units of writing, we will focus on different sentence structures, consistent and correct use of punctuation and how to organise and manipulate our writing to create particular effects and engage the reader. This term, we will be reading the text 'Letters From the Lighthouse' and we will be using a silent film called 'The Piano.' Our writing will focus around these. We will also create a biography about Charles Darwin in our non-fiction writing. We will continue to use a range of punctuation.

Maths This term, we will be continuing to revise our arithmetic skills as well as looking at applying what we have learnt to solve problems. 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? We will also be looking at fractions, area, time, measures and geometry and solving a number of problems based around these areas of maths.

Foundation Subjects:

Science - Electricity; light

Geography- Rainforests

Computing - Internet processes and spreadsheets

DT: Steady hand games

Music - Music from the war era

RE -Islam

Art- Painting and mixed media

Spanish: Around the classroom; At home.