



# Seven Stars Primary School

## Phoenix Curriculum News Letter

Summer Term 2023

Welcome back Phoenix! We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and that everyone is well-rested. As we begin our final term together, it is our busiest one yet! Our new topic is all about the Ancient Maya Civilisation. We will also be finishing our geography topic about rainforests and then zooming in on Mexico to find out about the ways of life, physical and human features of the country.

As you know, Year 6 will sit their SATs between **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. We ask that you support your child through this by ensuring that they go to bed early and come into school on time for their SATs breakfast. Following on from our SATs, we will begin our transition work to prepare for High School. We will keep you updated with transition visits dates and dates of our leavers' assembly.

We would like to take this opportunity to express how much we have enjoyed working with your child this year. We want this term to be one that children remember for being full of fun and an opportunity to make memories.

*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 still get very muddy during the wet weather. 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 term, we will continue to look at *Growing and Changing*, which will include human reproduction and birth.

We will also look at discrimination and transition for high school.

**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. We reward raffle tickets when children read at home and they have a chance to win a book each half term. 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. We have also been sending home weekly homework tasks on a Friday to help prepare for SATs tests.

**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 1000 Year Old Boy' and we will be creating lots of fiction and non-fiction pieces of writing, using the text as a stimulus, in order to secure our Year 6 punctuation. In the second half of the term, we will also read 'Holes.'

**Maths** This term, we will be continuing to revise our arithmetic and reasoning 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 algebra, ratio, statistics and geometry as well as re-visiting areas of maths studied earlier in the year.

### Foundation Subjects:

**Science** -Light; Digestive System

**Geography**- Mexico

**History**- Ancient Maya Civilisation

**Computing** - spreadsheets; creating a presentation about Mexico

**DT:** Cooking

**Music** - singing

**RE** - Christianity; Buddhism

**Art**- Drawing techniques

**Spanish:** Habitats