



Newsletter

THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018

I am happy to say that spring is finally here! This term the children and staff have showed their commitment to learning by coming to school, even during the extreme weather conditions. It makes me so proud to work in a school which continues to have outstanding attendance. Thank you parents/carers for valuing your child's education as much as we do and prioritising learning by bringing your child to school every day.

This term has been so busy and I have seen the children really working hard to consolidate and build on their learning. There have been some wonderful educational trips and workshops, which have had such a powerful and positive impact on the social, personal and emotional development of the children.

As we say goodbye to the short, cold winter days, I am delighted to welcome all of the excitement that the summer term has to offer.

Miss Hayes

Key Dates

Monday 16th April — Return to School

Tuesday 17th April — Nursery trip to Godstone Farm

Monday 23rd — Friday 27th April — Year 5 France Trip

Wednesday 2nd May — Friday 4th May — Year 4 PGL Trip

Monday 7th May — School closed — Bank Holiday

Monday 14th May — KS2 SATS week

Monday 21st May — KS1 SATS week

Monday 28th May — Friday 1st June — School Closed — Half Term Holiday

Thursday 5th July — Parents open afternoon 2.30pm onwards

Friday 13th July — INSET day

Friday 20th July — End of Term



This year we have published our very own book! In conjunction with Scholastic's 'We Are Writers', we have put some of our pupils' creative writing into a real paperback book.

At Phoenix, we never underestimate the talent that our children show when it comes to utilising their literacy skills, and this book is just a small snapshot of some of the fantastic work our children produce.

Please continue to complete written homework with your children as this has such a positive impact on their writing in school.



Year 3 — Roman party

This term Year 3 learned about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left behind. To introduce the new topic, the children in Year 3 had a Roman Party. This was an excellent introduction to the topic. The children have explored all aspects of Roman life, including: Roman dress; the life of a Roman soldier; and the life of Julius Caesar.

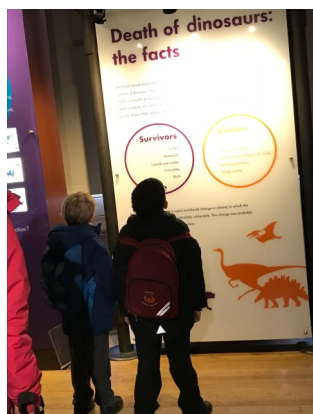


Year 2 trip to Surrey Docks Farm

As part of the Year 2 Science topic on 'Growing Plants', all Year 2 classes visited Surrey Docks Farm to plant cress and explore the farm. On the trip, the children learned why we have farms and the importance of growing vegetables.

This term, the children have learned why plants disperse their seeds and the various clever ways in which they do this. They have planted cress seeds and watched and recorded what happens to them as they grow.

They are now able to identify and name a variety of common, wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.



Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum

The children learned about rocks and soil this term in Science. They had the opportunity to visit the Natural History Museum, which has built a large rock collection by acquiring samples brought back from historic voyages of discovery and materials found during geological surveys.

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World Book Week

This year our theme was 'World' Book Week. Each year group was assigned a text and a continent. The children worked so hard to produce their own class books. Children in Reading Recovery had the opportunity to read to their local heroes. Learning to read is the best gift that you can give to your child. Please continue to read every day and sign their home reading diary.

