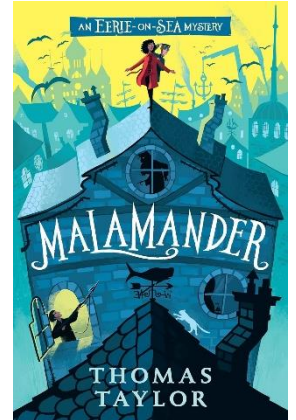


## Phoenix Class - September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to spend time as a family and make some memories. I'm very excited to start a new year and get stuck into the learning we have planned. Please find an outline of what we are learning below.

In our writing lessons this term we are going to be writing to entertain by focussing on our descriptive writing and narrative writing skills before creating explanation texts. Our writing will be inspired by the dark mystery 'The Malamander' by Thomas Taylor.



Our first Geography topic of the year is 'Cartography and Land Use' we will learn how to use maps and atlases to explore the world around us. We will discover the difference between physical features and human features. We will practise using atlases, grid references, symbols, and compass points to describe locations and plan journeys. Finally, we will investigate how land use in our local area of Sutterton has changed over time, comparing old maps and photographs with those we use today.

In Science lessons this term, we are studying 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will learn how living things change over time and how they pass on traits to their offspring. We will find out how fossils give us evidence about animals and plants that lived millions of years ago, and how scientists like Mary Anning and Charles Darwin made important discoveries. We will explore how animals and plants adapt to their environments, why some traits help them survive better than others, and how these changes can lead to evolution. We will also learn about inheritance, variation, and hybrids.

Mrs Baker will be teaching RE on Friday afternoons this term. Their first topic will be looking at creation stories and how people with different religious worldviews express their beliefs through music.

Our Art lessons are going to explore Street Art and Graffiti this term. We will be looking at kinds of stylised text, Banksy and how street art has been used as satire.



In PSHE children will be looking at how they can keep healthy as they grow. We will be discussing, healthy eating, oral hygiene and the importance of sleep.

PE will be taking place outdoors on Mondays and Fridays this term. If this changes at any point, I will contact you. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits labelled.



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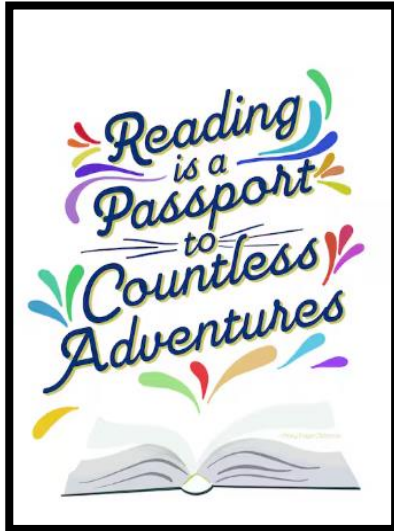
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## Personal Belongings

Please can you make sure that **everything** is clearly labelled with your child's name, so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child, unfortunately if they are not named it becomes difficult to hand them back!



## Reading

Reading together at home is one of the best ways to support your child's cognitive development. Just 10 minutes a day can have an enormous impact on their vocabulary, language skills and attention. Please help us by signing their reading records when they have read. You don't need to include the details.

## Homework

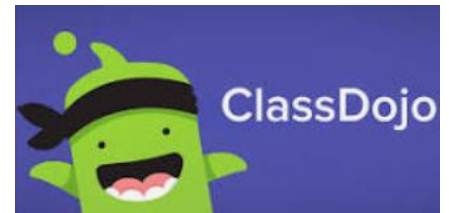
Each week your child will be set homework. Please ensure all homework is back in school the following **Friday morning**. All homework which has been handed in on time will get 2 dojo points. Your child can also access the Sumdog-this is a great app for maths. Log ins for Sumdog can be found in the inside page of your child's reading record.

## Class dojo

Using Class Dojo for messaging will be replaced by Bromcom/MCAS this year, so if you need to contact a member of staff please use MCAS or call the school office on 01205 460547.

All important messages and letters will also be shared using Bromcom/MCAS as this is the system that all LAAT Trust schools use.

Class Dojo will still be used to record behaviour dojos which are given to the children for completing homework and good behaviour.



We're looking forward to a successful, busy term with lots of learning.

Kind Regards,

Mr Terjung and Mrs Wilson



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