



Dear parents, carers and children of Phoenix Class,

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well. Welcome to term 2 in Phoenix class. It's always an enjoyable time to be a teacher at this time of year as the children's excitement for Christmas builds. Please find an overview of what's in store for your child this term.

Key Dates:

- Monday 6th November – School disco
- Thursday 9th November – Remembrance service (parents are welcome).
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need.
- Wednesday 29th November – Swimming lessons start.
- Wednesday 13th December – Panto trip.
- Monday 18th December – Christmas choral-singing performance.
- Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term.

Routines:

Due to the swimming lessons taking place and the hall being used for choral singing lessons on most Mondays this term, PE days will be changing week beginning 17th November. I will post the new PE days on Class Dojo.

Learning:

In this term, our geography topic is comparing and contrasting in Eastern Europe. We will be learning about the diverse landscapes, cultures and histories of this fascinating region. Our learning in this topic will also link to our summer topic, Walls and Borders. For writing lessons, I like to pick books which enhance the children's understanding of our topic and one of the most difficult concepts in the history of Eastern Europe is what it's like to live in an authoritarian society. Because of this, I have picked "The Middler" by Kirsty Applebaum, it's a challenging and thought-provoking dystopian work of fiction which will give the children valuable insights into the concepts of totalitarianism, information suppression, propaganda and rebellion.

On a lighter note, we have an external choral-singing tutor who will be taking the class for four sessions this term to help us prepare for our Christmas performance which will be taking place on the 18th December. In science we will be exploring the human digestive system and in Art we are studying the life and work of L.S. Lowry and creating our own piece in his style. We also have an

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exciting video production project in computing where the children will be writing, shooting and editing their own videos.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch via class dojo.

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