



Welcome to Phoenix Class!

Summer Term One

Welcome back!

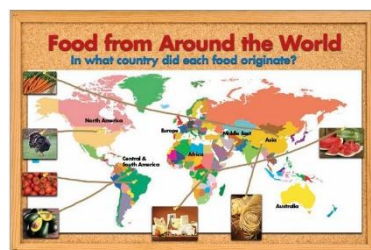
We hope you have had a brilliant Easter holiday. We are super excited to begin this new term with Phoenix and get back into our school routine!

My name is Mrs Farrington, as you know I've been here since March 2025, and have been made very welcome by the children and staff alike.

On a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Osborne will be covering my PPA time, and I will not be in school on a Thursday. The class will be taught by Mrs Osborne every Thursday alongside Miss Burns and Miss Collier. Please message the appropriate staff if needed, so that urgent messages are picked up.

Topic

This term (and next!) in Phoenix class we are exploring a new topic entitled 'World's Kitchens'. This topic will look at where our food comes from around the world, focusing on Fairtrade, climate, landscapes, seasonality of food and import and export of food. Geography will be covered by Mrs Osborne.



IMPORT VERSUS EXPORT

IMPORT	EXPORT
Bringing goods and services from another country to the home country	Selling goods and services from the domestic country to other countries
Main aim is to fulfill the demand of goods and services that are lacking or not available in the domestic country	Main aim is to create more foreign income from the selling of domestic products and to increase the global presence of domestic products and services
Excessive import can have a negative impact on the domestic economy	Can benefit the domestic economy since it increases the foreign income to the home country

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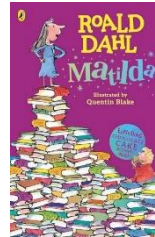
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Reading and Literacy

We always try to encourage a love of reading as much as possible within school. This term we are focusing on Narrative writing; initially setting descriptions, character descriptions, to inspire their imagination.



In class we will be reading Matilda by Roald Dahl.



Within literacy, we will be focusing on using real descriptive language, to really engage the reader.

Please ensure that your child is reading at home **every** night, as well as recording their reading in their reading records. Children will take AR tests throughout the week with books usually being changed by Wednesday, so please ensure these are being brought back into school. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday with homework - spelling tests are the following Friday mornings.

Maths

Maths will continue to be split for the Year 4 and Year 5 children. The Y4's will go to Mrs Griffin's classroom each day for their maths lesson. This is so all the Year 4s in the school follow the Year 4 curriculum, it also means they can prepare for their multiplication check. The Year 5 children will stay in class with me to complete Year 5 maths.

We will be starting off the term learning all about Position and Direction before moving on to Decimals. Children will have daily arithmetic questions as a maths starter to spend 10 minutes on for practice, as well as daily reasoning and problem-solving questions and challenges.

For our Year 4 children, as part of the government scheme, in June, all Year 4 children will be carrying out a times tables test which they have been practicing this year. For this, children need to know all their times tables up to the 12 times tables. Sumdog is an excellent way of practicing this, if you can please ensure your children are using this that would help a lot. If you have any problems with Sumdog, please let me know.

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Science

In Science, we are moving on to a new topic 'All about animals, including humans', we will be particularly focusing on the amazing changes in other animals; such as rabbits, platypus and koalas, as well as metamorphosis in some insects.

P.E

Within P.E. this term, we shall be focusing on Tennis (on a Monday afternoon), and another curriculum area with JB Sports on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school with their kit on those days if they are not keeping them in school, although we encourage PE kits to be left in school now. Please also ensure that your child does not wear earrings and that long hair is tied up on PE days.

Key Information

- Please ensure that children are bringing in the correct PE kit on the relevant days.
- I'm not in school on a Thursday, so please message Mrs Osborne should you need to that day.

It will be an exciting and busy term, with lots of fun things to look forward to!

Many Thanks,
Phoenix team 😊

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