

## Phoenix Class - January 2026

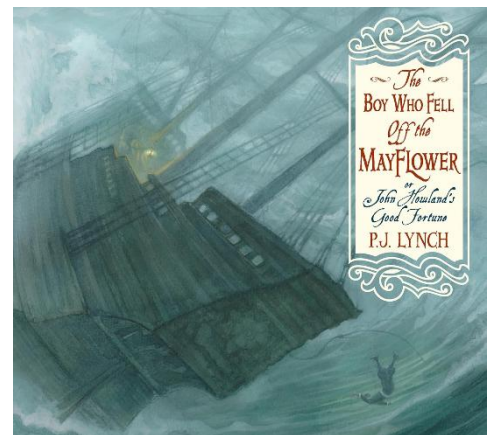
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to spend time as a family and make some wonderful memories over the Christmas break. We are very excited to start a new year and get stuck into the fantastic learning we have planned. Please find an outline of our learning for the spring below.

### English and History

In our writing lessons this term, we will be reading 'The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower'. Our focus will be on developing descriptive skills such as using expanded noun phrases before we create our own narrative poems and extended narratives.

This links closely to our History topic where we will be studying The Pilgrim Fathers. We will be looking at the reasons they left Britain to start a life in the new world, what the journey was like. Next term we will be continuing that journey and exploring what happened after they arrived.



### Science: Forces and Mechanisms

In science we are studying how things move. We will learn about how gravity, air resistance, water resistance, and friction affect objects with a series of experiments and demonstrations. We will also discover how simple mechanisms like levers, pulleys and gears allow us to amplify our strength.

### RE

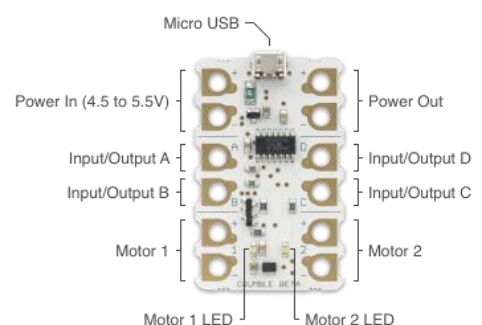
Our RE lessons will ask whether and how people put their religious beliefs into action. We will look at Christian worldviews and explore the themes of human dignity, justice and discrimination.

### PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

In PSHE, our theme is "Respect, Rights, and Responsibilities." This will include discussions on human rights, challenging stereotypes, and understanding the impact of anti-social behaviour.

### Foundation Subjects

- DT: We will be designing and creating our own bespoke alarm systems using electrical circuits and switches.
- Computing: We are exploring Selection in Physical Computing, learning how to use microcontrollers and loops to control programs.
- Music: Our topic is "Journeys," where we will explore three-beat metres, harmony, and stagecraft to perform a song cycle.
- French: We will be learning how to discuss school subjects, likes and dislikes, and how to tell the time in French.
- PE: This term, the children will be going swimming on **Wednesdays** and doing gymnastics with our JB sports coaches on **Fridays** this term.



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### Important Reminders

**Personal Belongings:** Please ensure all items (especially jumpers and coats) are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned if lost.

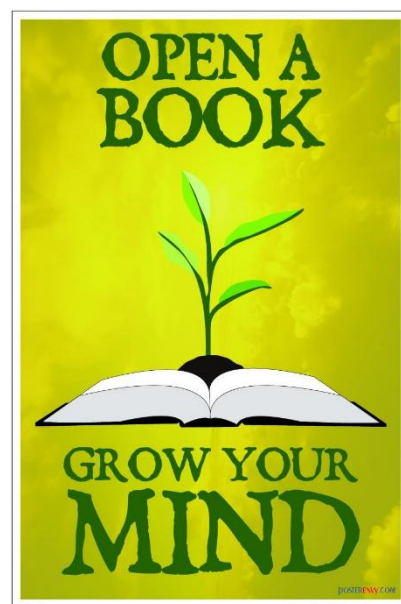
**Reading:** Just 10 minutes of reading a day has a huge impact on vocabulary and attention. Please sign your child's reading record when they read at home.

**Homework:** Homework is set weekly and should be returned by Friday morning. On-time homework earns 2 Dojo points.

**Communication:** We use Bromcom/MCAS for all important messages and letters. If you need to contact us, please use MCAS or call the school office.

We are looking forward to a successful and busy term of learning!

Kind Regards,  
Mr Terjung, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Osborne



### **Luke 24:13-35 On the Road to Emmaus**

Two travellers are transformed and enriched by sharing their journey with a guide. We view our work to be similar in making a difference to future lives. We travel together on our journey of transformation and commit our school to always being supportive, nurturing and challenging.



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