



Dear parents, carers and children of Phoenix Class,

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and the opportunity to spend time with their children. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back and starting the exciting journey into year 5! The team this year is myself, Mrs Carr and Mrs Woods. Sadly, Mrs Wilson has moved to St James' class but we now get Mrs Osborne on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Mrs Mountain will be teaching the children French, Music and PSHE on Monday mornings. She has worked at this school before and will be working between Sutterton and Swineshead schools this year.

Dates:

- Wednesday 13th September – School council elections
- Tuesday 10th October – Viking Link STEM visit
- Monday 16th October – Wrates photos
- Monday 16th October – Parents' consultation evening
- Friday 20th October – Phoenix assembly

Routines:

Homework and spellings will be set and due on Fridays. Reading records need to be in every day and initialled when your child has read at home, book title and pages are appreciated but not needed. PE will now be taking place every Monday and Friday, please ensure that children have their full kit. We will be indoors for PE this term.

Learning:

Our first topic for the year is Rivers. We will be looking at how they are formed, the different stages of a river's journey, what we use them for and how we're affecting river ecosystems. We will also be studying the water cycle which ties in nicely with our science topic, States of Matter. Through discussion and experimentation, we will be exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how substances transition between them. Our first book of the year will be the amazing Malamander by Thomas Taylor which mixes elements of mystery, fantasy, thriller and comedy. If your child enjoys it as much as I did, it is the first of a trilogy.

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

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