



Dear parents, carers and children of Phoenix Class,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and that the children are ready for a new term filled with learning. We are welcoming Miss Kemp to Phoenix class this term who joins us as a one to one teaching assistant. We are lucky to be so generously staffed in Phoenix, giving us plenty of capacity for the catch up and pre-learning booster work we have planned for this term. Please find an overview of the learning we have planned below.

On 25 January, Boston High School are hosting a year 5 girls' STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) day. There are very few places available for this event so not everyone will be able to attend.

#### **Routines:**

PE will be taking place on Tuesday afternoons. We will be doing gymnastics in the hall, so indoor kits with plimsoles or clean trainers are needed. We are booked in for swimming for Wednesday mornings for the whole term. Homework and spellings will be set and due on Fridays. Please remember to update children's reading records and read with them as much as possible.

#### **Learning:**

We will be shifting our topic work from geography to history this term and beginning our lessons on the Anglo-Saxons. From the 5<sup>th</sup> century migration (or invasion) of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes to the Norman conquest at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, we will be studying a wide range of aspects of Anglo-Saxon life. In our art lessons, we will be decoding the patterns and designs in Anglo-Saxon metal work, then designing our own buckles and brooches in that style. We will also create our own illuminated manuscripts. The first book we will be studying for our writing lessons will be "Anglo-Saxon Boy" by Tony Bradman which captures the atmosphere and events of the end of the Anglo-Saxon period. We will be finishing last term's book, "The Middler" in our guided reading lessons.

We have "Forces" lined up in Science which is one of my favourite topics to teach. We will be performing various experiments to illuminate the forces of magnetism, friction, air resistance and water resistance. In RE we will be taking a look at Hindu worship. I'm looking forward to our computing topic this term, in which we will be learning how to program microcontrollers to control various devices.

Mr Terjung, Mrs Woods, Mrs Carr and Miss Kemp.

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