



## Phoenix Class Autumn 2020

Welcome to Phoenix class. This year the class will have the benefit of working with 3 teachers: Mrs Lowe, Mrs Howe and Mrs Pun who will be supported by Miss Terry and Miss Walden.

We are very aware that your child has not been in school for several months and we will endeavour to make sure that their transition back into the classroom is as smooth and stress free as possible.

This term we will be developing our geography skills by learning about significant landscapes and regions in North America. Our second topic will be history based and will involve understanding what life was like during Anglo-Saxon and Viking times.

English and Maths lessons will be taught daily and we will begin the year by revisiting some key areas of the Year 5 curriculum that the children may have missed. Our science lessons will begin with evolution and inheritance before moving on to living things and their habitats. The lessons will be enquiry based enabling the children to develop their thinking skills. Our P.E. lessons will take place every Monday afternoon. Please send your child to school in PE kit as they will not be able to change in class (either school PE kit or plain T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms – no large logos please).

Year 6 is a very important year as the children will undergo testing in reading comprehension; grammar, spelling & punctuation; and maths in May 2021. You can support your child at home by ensuring they know their multiplication tables and complete their homework regularly. Your child will be expected to read at least 5 times a week, *could you please sign their reading record each time they read at home*. Although many of the children in the class are fluent readers it is still important that you make time to read with them too. This will enable you to discuss the use of language and plot, developing their comprehension skills. The children will be given spelling homework every week as well as a maths and a grammar activity. All homework will be in the form of a booklet, which will be given out each Thursday and due back the following Tuesday. There are no clubs at present but hopefully we will be able to run a free homework club in the near future.

We are looking forward to working with your children and thank you for your help and support. If you ever need to speak to us please contact the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

The Year 6 Team