



Our values: Resilience, Kindness, Responsibility, Ambition



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✿ Weekly Roundup ✿

Our focus value for this half term is: **Ambition**

The new half term has begun and as ever it has been a very busy week here at Phoenix. I must begin by mentioning the trips out to the Story Barn in Calderstones Park. I know those classes that visited this week had a wonderful time and the feedback from the pupils and staff was extremely positive. I must also add that the staff at the Story Barn were very complimentary of our school and the children. Other classes will be visiting next week and we are sure they will enjoy this experience. A huge thank you to Miss Morris for organising such a special experience for our pupils — we are very grateful for the time and effort that goes into making these opportunities possible. **Polite reminder to pay for this trip using Parent Pay if you have not already done so.**

As you know before half term we continued our review of teaching and learning across school and found excellent practice going on in all classes. In the coming weeks we will be speaking with pupils about their learning in more detail and discussing what they feel they would benefit from both inside & outside the classroom. Our current focus areas are: **phonics, reading, writing and maths.**

Over the last 12 months we have accessed different external support for both maths and writing. We have provided training for teachers and support staff to help ensure that these areas of the curriculum are well resourced, planned and delivered to our pupils. As ever, we always appreciate any additional learning you can facilitate at home. This could be activities such as: reading, listening to audio books, times-tables practice, telling the time, handwriting practice, phonics, or some spelling. There is a vast amount of free resources online that you can access at home but if you would like further advice on how you can support your child's learning at home then please speak with your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 24th March. The format of the evening will remain the same and teachers will be in the hall ready to complete a short consultation. A letter will be sent out soon confirming these details and to provide an opportunity for you to select a time slot. We please ask that if you do book an appointment and can no longer attend that you let the class teacher know so the slot can be offered to someone else.

🌙 Ramadan Mubarak to Our Families 🌙

As the month of Ramadan begins, we would like to wish all members of our community who are observing a peaceful and blessed month.

Ramadan is a time of reflection, prayer, charity and togetherness. We understand that some children may be fasting and may feel more tired than usual. As always, we will support our pupils with kindness, care and understanding throughout this important time.

If there is anything we can do to support your child during Ramadan, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Author Visit – Friday 6th March

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are delighted to be welcoming a special guest author into school on Friday 6th March

Children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear about the journey from idea to published book
- Discover where authors find inspiration
- Ask questions about characters and storytelling
- Feel inspired to develop their own writing

Author visits are a fantastic way to bring reading and writing to life and to show children that creativity, resilience and ambition are at the heart of every great story.

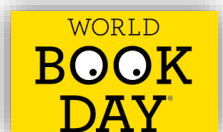
We are very much looking forward to a day filled with inspiration and excitement around books.

Book Week – Next Week!

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week across the whole school. There will be a range of exciting activities taking place in every class, all designed to promote a love of reading and storytelling.

We cannot wait to see the creativity on display — especially for World Book Day! Remember if you wish to dress up as your favourite book character or in your pyjamas with a bedtime stories theme.

World Book Day is: **Thursday 5th March**



★ Special Mention for Year 2! ★

As you all know attendance is a huge priority for us here at Phoenix. At the moment our whole school attendance figure falls below the national expectations. We work really hard to promote the importance of being in school and learning every day. This week Year 2 have had 100% attendance every day! Can they make it five days of 100% attendance and earn a special class prize?!