

Homework in Phoenix Class

The children will receive weekly Maths and English homework via Weduc. **Please encourage your child(ren) to talk about their homework and what they have been learning about in class.**

Maths/Times tables

Please help your child to learn their times tables, up to 12x12, to aid their learning. We will be taking part in an times table test in June 2021. This will really help them across all areas of their Mathematics.

Residential trip

Year 4 usually go on a weekend's residential to Marchants Hill in May. **Further information about this will follow.**

Trip to Arundel Castle

We hope to visit Arundel Castle later in the term. If the opportunity to visit as a family arises, please take that opportunity. Due to government restrictions around covid-19, access to trips will prove challenging at present.



Physical Education (PE)

The children will be doing PE with Lee on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every Monday, for the whole week, as lessons may change. Please also ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor PE lessons.



Faith, hope and love abide

We have the utmost confidence that every individual is able to strive for success. We also appreciate that each individual is unique therefore any ideas, opinions, criticisms and suggestions from them will be taken into consideration. The concept of hope will be predominant in our classroom.

Children's views about how they learn best are essential towards planning and developing more comprehensive lessons that will benefit everyone in the long term. Your child will be encouraged to value effort and the determination to persevere and succeed.

We will endeavor to create a comfortable learning environment based on respect. We aim to build a strong rapport with the children so that all of us can learn in a conducive and fun environment.

Your child will be encouraged to have self-confidence, a growth mindset, good interpersonal skills and perseverance.

We will ensure we do the best by your child and we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that they do well. Please contact hmeyer@aceschool.co.uk if you have any questions.

Religious Education (RE)

Through 'Understanding Christianity', the children will develop their understanding of bible stories surrounding 'What does it mean to follow God?' They will also learn in more depth about 'The Lord's Prayer', 'St. Richard' and 'St. Nicholas'. All of these are predominant in the school's RE curriculum and of course, our local church. Towards the end of the term the children will learn about Christmas around the world.



*Let's go on an
historical
enquiry...*

Phoenix Class

A Parent Information Booklet Autumn Term 2020



The Autumn Term has now arrived and we are sure the children will be ready to come back to ACE for a great term in Phoenix class.

We have many exciting and interactive lessons prepared and we are looking forward to teaching the children.

We will begin the term with a superb text about the Loch Ness Monster, finding evidence and information from sources.

Our History theme is the *Normans and Vikings*.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead. *We also have a final year trainee teacher, Miss Ridout, joining our bubble for the majority of the Autumn term.*

We cannot wait to see the children.
Mrs Meyer and Mrs Stevens

English

English is a very important part of children's lives and we feel very strongly about the power of an excellent text to grab the children's attention and imagination. It is not always about reading and writing and sitting for long periods of time, yet experiencing English skills through drama, film, speaking and listening. Children learn a great deal through stories and much of our teaching is based around key texts, which both the children (and adults) enjoy. The children will be focusing on the 'Mystery of the Loch Ness Monster'. English foci this term:

- Creative writing
- Non-fiction reports (newspaper for First News)
- Drama/role play
- Instructional Writing
- Diary entries
- Dictionary/thesaurus work

Mathematics

The children will be developing their skills in all areas of Maths, using 'Power Maths'. They will have the opportunity to develop a range of mathematical skills, starting with the four operations. Please talk to your child(ren) about what they are learning in class. Times tables rock stars is an excellent website, which can be used at school, as well as at home.

In both English and Mathematics, the children will be working on improving their basic skills, including their times tables and spelling strategies. We believe talking to the children about their work plays a huge part in their learning.



Computing

During the term the children will develop their competence in Computing, either by using the iPads or Chromebooks. During lessons they will learn how to research a particular area and to create an animation.

We will also develop our link with Northwood Primary school, Erith, through email.



Relationship, (Sex) and Health Education (RSHE) & Character Education

The children will have many open discussions within these lessons. Most lessons will relate to a relevant theme within the classroom and will involve discussions. The children will be given the opportunity to express their personal views and opinions, developing their own personal character across the whole curriculum. *More information will follow. All lessons will be age appropriate and focus mainly on the importance of positive relationships.*

French

The children will continue to develop their basic French. They will also learn French vocabulary linked to our theme.

Design Technology & Art

The children will be developing their creative skills through the close study of Norman and Viking Art. They will have the opportunity to replicate some of these designs in their own work. In usual times, we would start our term with a visit to Arundel castle. Sadly, that is not currently possible due to government restrictions. If you, however, are able to visit outside of school hours, there is a wealth of information to support the children's learning there.

Music

This term, the class will be taught by our specialist music teacher, Mr Servant. They will focus on composition.

Science

During the first half term the children will learn about Light and Sound. They will study the speed at which both travel. During the second half term our focus is States of Matter. Both areas will encourage the children to ask and answer questions to extend their learning.



Staggered drop off and pick up times

Please keep to your designated drop off and pick up times. These have been carefully planned to ensure that there are fewer parents at the school gates. Our number one priority is the safety of the children. Hand washing will become a regular feature of the school day. Please remind your child of the importance of this.

Please see Weduc for more information from Mr Simpson.

Thank you all!

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/vikings/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/styr9j6>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taVsvYWp1UU>
<http://projectbritain.com/history.html>
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html>
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/bt.html>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

If you have information about any of our curriculum areas, then please share them via email.

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Thank you in advance for your support this term.