Term 5 in Phoenix Class

History

As this is short term and Year 6 have their SATs tests, we will continue with our World War Two topic and think about the wider effects the war had on society, including how the role of women changed.

SATs Preparation

The children have been working really hard to ensure that they are ready for the SATs tests that take place in the week commencing 12th May 2025. Please help them to continue to practice their times tables, particularly the 7x and 8x tables as these tend to pop up a lot. This will also be useful practice for the Year 5s as times tables come up in so many different areas of the maths curriculum.

Science

In Science we will continue our learning about evolution and think about who Charles Darwin was and what he discovered, including his theory of natural selection and survival of the fittest. We will look at variation and adaptation over time in both plants and animals. We will get out into the school grounds to investigate plant adaptation and use our scientific enquiry skills to set up and complete an investigation.

English

This term, we will not use a new 'Pathways to Write' text but instead will finish our learning about refugees and write letters to raise awareness about them and their plight.
After this, we will write an explanation text based on the Home Front during World War Two. The children have been really interested in this so I wanted to bring it into our English learning and give them more opportunities to show off their non-fiction writing before a narrative focus in Term 6.

Maths

Year 5 this term will continue their fractions learning and learn to multiply fractions, find fractions of amounts and problem solve with fractions. They will then focus on decimals and percentages and how to convert between these and fractions.
Year 6 have nearly covered all of their curriculum in preparation for the SATs so the first week will be focussed on statistics and finishing the curriculum so the following weeks can be filled with lots of practice SATs questions and problem solving.

P.E.

PE will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday, when children should come to school in their PE kits. The main focus for this term will be basketball and cricket, with some Drumba thrown in, which the children have been really enjoying!

Rules

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

R.E.

In R.E we will be starting the unit entitled, 'Why do Hindus want to be good?' They will investigate the key concepts of Karma, Dharma and samsara and how this might affect how a Hindu chooses to live.

Computing

As always, we will begin with a reminder about e-safety. We will then be focusing on learning how to be a game creator, including creating an environment, devising a quest and then testing and modifying our game. This will continue next term.

P.S.H.E.e.

Relationships – This is the fifth piece of the Jigsaw PSHE scheme which will be taught within the first couple of days of term. We discuss relationships within families and touch briefly on supporting others through loss and grief. We will then discuss further ways of keeping ourselves safe online.

DT

The children have really enjoyed designing and starting to create their tote bags – there is still lots of sewing to be done so we will continue with this until they are finished!

Music

At the end of SATs week, the children will find out what show we will be putting on at the end of the year. We will then focus on singing techniques, including building the confidence of singing solos.