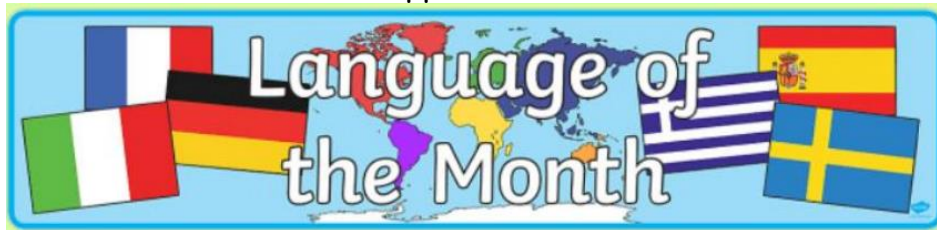




Questions? Queries? Positive news? Great feedback? Let us know!

Catch Mrs Harper in the playground, pop into school, put a message on Tapestry or Seesaw, or have a chat to a member of staff before or after school. We really value the positive lines of communication we have with our families and welcome all feedback and will always try to help if you have a question!

Worries? Support needed? Chat to your child's class teacher or Mrs Harper so we can signpost you to support. We employ our own Family Support Worker - Rachel Jefferson who can also offer vital support at times of need.



The children at Phoenix Infant and Nursery School come from a range of cultures and backgrounds. As a multi-cultural school, it is vital that we prepare children to grow up to make a positive contribution to society. At Phoenix there are children and adults who speak many different languages. The languages spoken include English, Punjabi, Italian, Polish, Bulgarian, Spanish, Urdu, Arabic, Cantonese, Telugu, Farsi and Bengali. We also have children who use a sign language called Makaton. There are many reasons we should know about each other's languages, including the following: -

- To show respect for each other's languages and cultures
- To give parents the chance to be actively involved in their children's learning
- To broaden the language skills of all the children and staff.
- To give bilingual children the opportunity to demonstrate their language skills
- To enhance the status of bilingual children

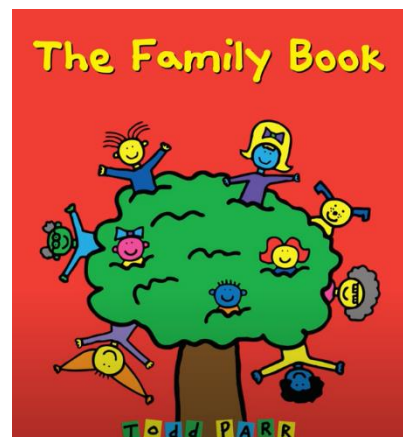
The children take part in short, fun activities to teach several words from the language. This month the language is French. Take a look at the webpage for some resources to use at home - [French - Sept 2024 | Phoenix Infant and Nursery School](#)



Language of the Month display in the main entrance

At Phoenix we are proud of the family feel of our school, a place where children feel a special part of our diverse 'jigsaw'

We are all different and this makes our World, our community and our school a better place. Diversity means difference. Our school is diverse because we are all different. There are lots of ways people can be diverse; by what they wear, how they look, their religion, the languages they speak, their gender, their family make up etc. Being all different is something to celebrate. We want to celebrate every single person in our school community. No-one in our school should be treated differently due to who they are because we celebrate the joy of being different to each other; this is what makes us special. The Family Book is a great book for introducing children to lots of different types of families - click on the image to access the book being read.



We ensure that children understand and celebrate who they are as soon as they start in nursery and in school. In Nursery the children bring in photographs of their families to show to their friends. In school the F2 children's first learning theme is 'This is Me' and as part of this the children create Family Boxes. The Family Boxes are created at home and give each child the opportunity to show their new friends what makes them special.



We want to build on this as we start a new academic year with an art project in which we will create a whole school display of all our families and staff that form our community. To support this, we would like a photograph of your child and their family. This can be as a hard copy or added onto the Learning Platforms and we will print off. The images will be used for the children to draw their families as well as forming part of the display too. We would like all images in by Friday 4th October please for this exciting project. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.



During the colder months, it can be more of a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money and I will therefore be opening the school for some Saturday afternoon 'Stay and Play' sessions. (see dates below) The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and if the weather allows outside too. Come along, have a chat with other parents and let the children have fun together - during the sessions you will be responsible for supervising your children.

Saturday 12th October 2pm-3.30pm and Saturday 16th November 2pm - 3.30pm



Parent/Carer Coffee and Chat



Does your child have difficulties at school, at home
or in the community?

Would you like to talk, voice the challenges, share
ideas, and help to improve things for you and your
child?

When: Friday 18th Oct, 9:30pm - 11am

**Where: Phoenix Infant and Nursery
School**



Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]



**For further information please
contact: enquiries@nottpcf.org**



This project is independent of schools, or the educational dept of Nottinghamshire County Council. It is funded by Health and is being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School


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Is your child due to start school in September
2025? Come and have a look around our
lovely school

Our open sessions will run on:

- o Wednesday 25th September 9.30-11am
- o Wednesday 2nd October 9.30-11am
- o Thursday 10th October 1.45-2.45pm

To book a slot please contact our office team on:

 0115 953 9927

 office@phoenix.notts.sch.uk

Autumn

- Friday 27th Sept Fun Run - **Fun run** -childhood cancer awareness fund raiser - www.cclg.org.uk more details to follow
- Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th October 2024 - **F2 Parents evenings**
- Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October 2024- **KS1 Parents evenings**
- Half term: Monday, 21 October 2024 to Friday, 1 November 2024
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm - **F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Performance**
- Thursday 12th December -**Nursery Christmas Performance (times to be decided)**
- Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm and Wednesday 18th December 9.30am KS1 (Classes 3,4,5, and 6) **Christmas Performance**
- Friday 20th December **Pantomime / party day (including Christmas dinner)**
- Friday 20th December - end of term
- Back to school: Monday 6th January Spring term

Spring

- Tuesday 11^h February 2024- **Safer Internet Day**
- **Half term: Monday, 17th February 2025 to Friday, 21st February 2025**
- **Monday 24th February 2025 - First day of term**
- Thursday 6th March 2025 - **World Book Day**
- Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2024 - **F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)**
- Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2024 - **KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)**
- **Friday 4th April 2024- Last day of term**

Summer

- **Tuesday 22nd April - First day of summer Term**
- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- **W/C 9th June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening**
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - **Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow (please note change of date)**
- Wednesday 18th June 2025 9.30 am - **KS1 Sports day 9.30am**
- Tuesday 25th June 2025 - **F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm**
- **Friday 4th July 2024- INSET DAY**
- Thursday 24th July 2025 - **Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm**
- **Friday 25th July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

Have an amazing weekend!

Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team