



Monday 22nd February 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, hopefully you all had a lovely half term. You definitely deserve it with all of the tremendous home learning you have been doing over the last term. We are still staying in line with Government guidance so will need to continue to conduct home learning until it is safe for all children to return to school.

Reading

Although the main way of teaching reading in Fox Class is through our weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons and book studies, the children will still have the opportunity to read regularly in a small group or 1:1 with an adult and should bring their book bags to school every day. Reading books will continue to be sent home and changed each week, unless your child is a 'free reader' in which case they are expected to change their own books when needed. **Please continue to support us by reading with your child at home as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) with a small note in their Reading Record.**

In our guided reading sessions this term, we will be reading Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We have bought enough books for each child to have their own copy whilst we study this book- however, this must be returned, in the condition given, at the end of the term.

Writing

This term we will be writing to entertain, using our whole class text- Fantastic Mr Fox! Our writing will be a little different this term. We are going to work together to develop our story-telling skills, focussing on a deepening our understanding of each part of the story. We will delve into; the importance of the plot, having brilliant beginnings, magnificent middles, amazing action, worst possible moments and excellent endings.

In other English lessons, we will be deepening our understanding of punctuation and tenses; expanded noun phrases, commas in a list, apostrophes for contraction, apostrophes for singular possession, past and present tense. **Please note that the children will receive a new list of spellings to learn on a Monday and these words will be tested the following Monday.**

Maths

Just a quick thank you to those who have been encouraging the children at home to go on DoodleMaths, DoodleTables and Hit the Button. Seeing the ever-growing confidence and love of mathematical learning in Fox class is exciting. Please do continue this! Although we will not be explicitly teaching number bonds and number facts this term, it is vital that the children do not lose the progress and confidence they have gained. They are the fundamentals to their mathematical understanding.

As mathematicians, this term, we will be learning about fractions.



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Wider Curriculum

As geographers, we will be learning about continents and oceans, whilst in science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

In RE, we will be thinking about what Christians believe relating to Salvation. Computing will focus on creating music. In D&T, we will be researching, designing and making healthy pizzas, in line with our PSHE topic, Healthy Me. However, as stated before, the learning in Fox class is very child-centred so if the children require more support with managing worries around the Coronavirus pandemic, we will provide that.

PE this term will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. We will be developing our fitness PE skills such as stamina, agility and coordination and as we still can't go swimming just yet, we will replace swimming with yoga. We will be outside for some of our Monday sessions so please include leggings and jogging bottoms in PE bags this term. **Please ensure long hair is tied back on these days and earrings are able to be removed or covered.**

Reminders

Please **do not** send in; pencil cases, stationery or big bags (other than book bags). Unfortunately, there will be no tuck shop until further notice, so year 3 children are encouraged to also bring in their own fruit snack for break times. Please ensure that all property in school is labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers, PE kits, water bottles, wellies and fruit pots.

Yours sincerely

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