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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a lovely summer and the children are ready for our first term together. I am very excited to be teaching your children again. Please, if you ever need to chat to us about any questions or concerns you may have, then we will be on the gates at the end of the school day or please drop an email to the office and they will forward it to us. Here is some information about our first term.

Reading

Our main method of teaching reading in Fox Class is through our weekly reading comprehension lessons and book studies. This term our whole class reading book is *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepard. 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. Please note: your child's book change day may have changed and this will be shown on the front of their Reading Record. **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.**

Writing

We will be beginning our Write Stuff journey with *The Great Fire of London: Anniversary Edition* of the Great Fire of 1666 by Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis where we will be exploring writing our own diary entry, with a focus on the feelings and emotions that people may have been feeling during this time. In other English lessons, we will be deepening our understanding of the word classes, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, nouns and pronouns. The children will also study a different spelling pattern or rule each week. **Please note that the children will receive a new list of spellings to learn on a Friday and these words will be tested the following Friday.**

Maths

In Maths, we will be starting the term with a recap of prior maths learning to ensure that the children are secure in their fundamental maths skills before moving onto both place value and mental addition & subtraction.

Year 2 children will be learning to; recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones); identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line; compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 and use place value and number facts to solve problems.

"Love each other as I have loved you" John 15:12



Wider Curriculum

As historians this term, the children will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. This topic will help develop the children's understanding about the ways in which we can find out about the past through discussing primary sources, Samuel Pepys infamous diary being one of these sources. The children will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of the past by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th Century.

As scientists, the children will be learning about materials: building on the children's prior learning. We will also be completing a Design and Technology project by applying what we have learnt about materials to make model fire engines with axles and wheels. In RE, we will be thinking about what Christians believe about love and linking this to a variety of bible stories and parables. Computing will focus on IT in the world and internet safety and as musicians, the children will be exploring the song 'Let your Spirit Fly'.

PE this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. **Please ensure long hair is tied back on these days.**

Reminders

Please note that children only need to bring their book bag with them and not a backpack. Children need to bring their own fruit for morning snack and a water bottle; the children will have an afternoon snack which is provided by the school. Please ensure that all property in school is labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers, fleeces, water bottles and fruit pots.

Yours sincerely

Alice Langley
Fox Class Teacher

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