

# High Littleton C. of E. Primary School, High Littleton, Bristol BS39 6HF

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Dear Parents,



Hello again everybody! We hope you have all had a wonderful half term break and the children are feeling ready for another exciting term of learning together. Your children worked incredibly hard during their first term - we are so proud of them all! At the end of term one a student teacher, Miss Bales, joined us in Fox class. She will be with us until February 2023 and she has already received a warm welcome from the children so we are sure she will enjoy her time at High Littleton.

## Reading

Although our main method of teaching reading in Fox Class is through weekly, whole class comprehension and book studies, the children do still read regularly in school to an adult, so please remind them to bring their book bag into class every day. Reading books will continue to be sent home and changed weekly, on your child's reading day wherever possible. (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 continuing to use The Write Stuff approach which the children really love - applying their knowledge of: FANTASTICS, GRAMMERISTICS and BOOMTASTICS to shape their writing and produce high quality pieces.

The FANTASTICS:

F	A	N	T	A	S	T	I	C
Feelings	Asking (dialogue)	Noticing	Touching	Action	Smelling	Tasting	Imagining	Checking (hearing)

The GRAMMERISTICS:

Adverbials	Basics	Complex sentences	Dialogue/contracted forms	Purpose	Paragraphs	Passive/active voice	Tenses	Punctuation

The BOOMTASTICS:

Onomatopoeia	Alliteration	Rhyme	Repetition	Similes	Metaphor	Pathetic fallacy	Pun	Personification

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The unit we will be exploring through these lessons this term is; *Pirates*. This is a non-chronological report where the children will be learning to use headings, sub-headings and also how to research information about pirates.

### Transcription

This term we will be continuing to develop the children's handwriting and letter formation as a main target area for the whole class; please do continue to support their transcription at home. The children will begin to join their letters.

### Spellings

The children will continue to study a different spelling pattern/rule each week as their homework task. We were so impressed with how the children responded to this 'additional' responsibility: demonstrating an increased independence already as they returned their completed books each Friday and proudly handed them in.

Each term, the children will be given the overview of spellings in their homework books, so you can see what spelling rules are coming up next as well as a reminder of what has come before. Please support the children with learning these spellings: spotting them in their reading/writing, playing games with words and even giving them a random *ad hoc* spelling test now and then, to check their learning has been retained

### Maths

As mathematicians, we will be focussing on; Number (addition and subtraction) and Measures (shape) alongside consolidation, reasoning and problem solving. Please continue to supplement your child's mathematical understanding with [DoodleMaths](#), [DoodleTables](#) and [Hit the Button](#).

### Wider Curriculum

As **Geographers** this term, the children will be learning all about the local area of Bristol with a particular focus on map skills.

As **Scientists**, the children will be continuing to learn about microhabitats and the different animals that live in them.

In **DT**, the children will be learning how to create strong structures in our topic: *Baby Bear's Chair!*

In **RE**, we will be continuing to think about Agape Love in Gospel and closer to Christmas we will begin to look at The Nativity.

**Computing** will focus on photography and **Music** will allow the children to experience a festive unit, named 'Ho, Ho, Ho!'

In **PSHE** (Jigsaw) we will be Celebrating Difference in our whole school approach and finally, **PE** this term continues to be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Wednesday's lessons will be focusing on Ball Skills and Thursday's lessons will be with Mrs Mac doing Gymnastics.

### Reminders

Please ensure your child has a fresh fruit or vegetable every day for a snack.

Please note Mr Griffith does not want children bringing in large backpacks as we do not have space in our cloakroom and it can be a health and safety hazard with people moving around the school. At this stage

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the children really only need a school bookbag, with their water bottle and snack pot. Please ensure that all property in school is labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers, PE kits, water bottles and fruit pots.

Yours sincerely

Alice Langley  
Fox Class Teachers

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