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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful, restful Christmas with your families. I would like to start by thanking you all for the very generous and thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts that your children brought in at the end of last term.

Here we are again, another term together. We have been so impressed with the Foxes' hard work over Terms 1 and 2 and cannot wait to see what this term brings! At the end of January, Miss Stevens will be leaving Fox Class to start her next placement in a new school. We will miss having her in Fox class and wish her luck in her next placement.

Reading

One of our main methods of teaching reading in Fox Class is through our weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons and book studies, which the children are really enjoying. Aptly named, this term our whole class reading book will be *Fantastic Mr Fox* (Roald Dahl).

The children will still have the opportunity to read regularly to adults on a 1:1 and small group basis, and should bring their book bags into school every day. Reading books will continue to be sent home and changed each week. If you read their books quickly, then we encourage you to re-read the books. The children will soon also begin weekly quizzes online (Accelerated Reader) based on their weekly reading books, to support us in monitoring the children's comprehension and progress. Recommended reads are for you and your child to share, these are for you to read to your child and the children are not expected to read these.

Last term, a lot of books weren't changed weekly as they weren't being read at home. 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.


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



Writing

We will continue to use The Write Stuff's FANTASTICS, GRAMMERISTICS and BOOMTASTICS

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

The unit we will be exploring in these lessons this term is narrative in style; *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. The children will also have writing opportunities in their foundation subjects, this will include writing a letter and diary entry in the role of Florence Nightingale.

Transcription

The children are beginning to learn cursive handwriting - please do continue to support their transcription at home.

Spelling

The children will continue to study a different spelling pattern or rule each week. The children will be given the overview of spellings to keep 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/rules and spotting them in their reading and writing. Homework books need to be handed in each Friday and we will have an informal test each Friday, before the new rule is introduced.

Maths

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We have a busy term ahead in maths, focussing on Money as well as Multiplication and Division. We are sure the children will continue to flourish within these practical topics. These skills and concepts will build on their prior learning and give them further opportunities to develop and apply their knowledge.

Just a quick reminder: please continue to work on DoodleMaths, DoodleTables and Hit the Button. It is exciting to see the ever-growing confidence and love of mathematical learning in Fox Class. If you do have any questions, please use the parent support area on Doodle Maths.

Wider Curriculum

As *Historians* this term, the children will be learning all about Florence Nightingale as a significant individual.

As *Scientists*, the children will learn about and explore the Uses of Everyday materials.

In *Art*, the children will be using a range of materials and techniques to produce work based on well known artists whilst applying prior learning. Projects will include a map of their journey to school, using felt, to produce an abstract piece of art and printmaking.

In *RE*, we will be thinking about Salvation in Christianity and begin to look at Easter.

In *Computing* will focus on creating Music using Chrome Music Lab - you can access this for free at home at <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

In *PSHE* we will be discussing Dreams and Goals - what these could be and how they can be achieved.

PE this term will be Tuesday (Fundamentals with Miss Langley or Miss Stephens) and Fridays (Ball Skills with Mrs Beale). Please ensure your child wears their Pe kits on these days.

Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with a named piece of fruit for their morning snack; we continue to have school provided fruit for KS1 children, in the afternoons.
- All children need to wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE.
- 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,

Alice Langley
Fox Class Teacher

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