

Fox Class

Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020-2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! After 6 months away from school it has been wonderful to welcome the children back into Year 3. This letter outlines some important information about Fox Class, and gives an overview of our learning this term.



Reading

We hope that you will continue to support us in this by encouraging your child to read at home for 15 minutes every day. Children should have their reading record in school every day and it should be signed by their parent daily. Children can change their book each day if they have finished reading it.

Home Learning Tasks

You will be sent a weekly home learning overview by parentmail every Thursday. This will include spellings, reading, times tables and on occasion a piece of maths, English or topic home learning.

Children will be tested on spellings every Friday, and each half term we will share the scores with you.

We also ask children to spend time learning **times tables at home**

We appreciate parental support in helping children to learn and practise times tables at home. National

Curriculum expectation is that children should know 2, 5 and 10 times tables multiplication and division facts by the end of year two, and 3, 4 and 8 by the end of year three. TT Rockstars and mathletics are brilliant resources for practising times tables. The logins for these are in the front of your child's reading record.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle to keep in the classroom in addition to their lunchtime drink.



Fruit

Please provide a fresh fruit or vegetable snack for break time as this will help to keep concentration levels high throughout the morning.



P.E.

The class will have P.E. on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Children are expected to have full P.E. kit in order to participate. Earrings should be removed for P.E. sessions. If children are unable to remove their own earrings, please could they come to school without them in on P.E. days.

As the days are getting colder, we would encourage children to wear tracksuit bottoms on PE days rather than shorts.

Thank you.

Spring Term Learning

Our topic themes for this term are:

“Food Glorious Food”

- Science: Nutrients and food groups
- D/T- preparing a fruit pizza; making a sandwich.
- English- Power of Reading: I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato
- Art: Still life through different media
- R.E. – What do Christians believe God is like?
- Computing: Logging on, e-safety
- PSHE: Relationships/Friendships
- Music- Let your spirit fly; Introduction to glockenspiel

‘Stone age to Iron Age’

- History: What was prehistoric life like?
- Literacy: Power of Reading: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, Stone Age Boy
- Art: Stonehenge watercolours; cave paintings
- Science: Rocks and minerals
- R.E. – What would Jesus think of Christmas today?
- Computing: introduction to coding
- Music- Christmas songs

Our Maths work this term will be covering:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and division

Children will also have a 30 minute Spanish lesson each week, taught by a specialist language teacher.

We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. You are always welcome to contact us to discuss any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

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