

Welcome to Foxes Class!

Welcome back to a new term and the start of Year 5 (Foxes Class), I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We welcome Mrs Evans who will be with us this year in Y5 as part of a student direct course during the Autumn and Summer terms.

General information

- Please ensure your child wears correctly **named uniform** on a daily basis; this should include suitable **black school shoes** and hair tied back with plain hair bands or clips. A red sweatshirt with the school logo must be worn.
- Please ensure any money is sent to school in a sealed, **named** envelope although we are a cashless school, with online payments where possible.
- If your child is walking home by themselves or being collected from outside of the school grounds, please could you put your permission in writing. Please could you ensure that your child knows your intended after school pick-up arrangements for each day.
- As you know, we provide wrap around care with our Breakfast and Teatime club; if your child is booked in to Teatime club please ensure they are aware of this so as to avoid any confusion.
- If your child is unable to attend any of the after school clubs that they regularly attend, please send a note into school or speak to the teacher so that we are all aware of where they are.
- If your child brings in a mobile phone please ensure that it is **named** and handed into the class teacher at the start of each day, they will need to complete the school mobile phone contract. It is then your child's responsibility to remember to collect it at the end of the day.
- Please could your child have a **named** art shirt in school at all times for when we get messy in art to protect school uniforms.

PE Kit

Due to Covid children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and will wear it for the full day. PE this term is on **Wednesday and Thursday** so please can they arrive to school with a plain white T shirt, red school sweatshirt, black shorts, with plain black jogger bottoms or black leggings over the top if you wish and wearing plimsolls or trainers. If your child is unable to tie shoelaces, please can they wear Velcro fastening. Earrings need to be removed for each PE session, ideally at home or your child is to remove them themselves, if they are unable to do this, please provide suitable micropore or plasters for earrings to be covered for every session.

Homework

Homework will normally be set on a **Wednesday** and is due in the following **Wednesday**. The children will *usually* be set a piece of Maths homework which will be related to the work we have been covering in class. As well as this, there will also be spellings to learn using Look Cover, Write and Check as well as spelling shed, ready for a **test on Wednesday** and Times tables need to be practised regularly, including using Times Tables Rockstars. If your child finds their homework particularly difficult please ask them to speak to myself or Mr Kelly about it. Please try to support your child as much as possible by providing them with a calm, quiet atmosphere to work in and ensuring they understand the task. Challenging homework will continue to be set termly, this will relate to the topic children are learning about that term.

Reading

The children have a reading book to take home in order to read daily. This needs to be read at home to an adult at least three times a week and recorded in their reading record. Books then need to be brought back into school for the next day. In accordance to current advice, when we listen to your child read individually we will not be recording this in the home diary, instead keeping records in school. Children will complete quizzes using Accelerated reader to ensure they understand what they have read and books will then be quarantined before they can be returned to the library for others to use. If you have any questions, please ensure that you ask either myself or Mr Kelly.

Please support our school bookshop, which has an excellent selection of books for only £1 each.

Our class reading books this term are 'The morning I met a whale' and 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo.

Water Bottles and Snack

Children are allowed to bring in a water bottle from home containing **water only**. Juice or cartons is acceptable as part of a packed lunch. We are a healthy school so encourage you to provide your child with a healthy snack for break time – no chocolate please.

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own behaviour and also to help with the children becoming a little more independent in terms of organising themselves for school to ensure that they have the correct equipment and kit. We also like to reward good learning and behaviour with house points, certificates and stickers. Exceptional behaviour will be noted and entered into the weekly raffle draw.

Autumn learning

Our Science Topic this term will be Living Things and Their Habitats. We will also be studying the Ancient Mayan civilisation and using this to inspire some pottery. Our class page on the school website gives more information about our topics and learning throughout the year.

Roles of responsibility

Some of the children in class will be taking on extra responsibility such as School Parliament. We encourage children to take on roles of monitors to develop their sense of responsibility and independence.

I look forward very much to working with your children and yourselves this year. If you need any additional information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Many thanks

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