



## Welcome to Foxes Class Newsletter for Term 2

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support over the last term. We had a fantastic term and had a great time learning about our Awesome Earth and natural disasters. We made some amazing models of volcanoes and painted a picture of a natural disaster in the style of Stephanie Peters. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and are extremely proud of how well they have settled into Year 5.

We have an exciting term coming up, where we will be working on our environmental projects. We will also be doing lots of arts and crafts activities towards the end of term, on the run up to Christmas.

If you have any questions, I will be available after school (apart from Wednesdays) or please feel free to email the school office and they will forward the message on.

### **Our Curriculum**

We are continuing our theme for Humanities, 'Awesome Earth'. We are learning about the Earth and the environment. During this theme children will explore climate change and the effect it is having on the planet. We will be moving on to learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and ways we can protect the planet.



In Science, our theme is Earth and Space. This term we will be learning about our solar system, the planets moon and the sun. We will study the stages of the moon and why we have night and day.

Our English lessons are going to look a bit different this term. We will be continuing the Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation scheme, where we will revise the skills the children learnt in Term 1 and practice using them in their writing. Over the term, we will be writing a non-chronological report about the planets in our solar system. This will link in with our Science topic for this term.

During DT this Term, we will be learning about mechanisms and gears and designing an eco-gadget bike.

Long term homework is not set formally but if your child is interested in researching something related to our Humanities or Science topics, they are more than welcome to do so and share their findings with the class. This could be a PowerPoint, poster, pictures and facts or model, for example.

Further information about our curriculum can be found on the school website.

### **Mathematics**

For Maths, we use the White Rose scheme of learning. This term we will be finishing multiplication and division and then learning about fractions. We will be focusing on reasoning questions and how to explain their methods.



All children also need to be practising their timetables (using TT Rockstars). Login details can be found in the front of their reading record books. The children will complete a minimum of 15 Studio games each week, this should take around 15 minutes and can be completed at home or at school. The children will receive 5 house points for completing them all and the whole class will receive 5 class points if they all complete their allotted sessions.



## PE - Year 5 PE day is Thursday

Our PE topic this term will be dance. We will be inside for our dance lessons this term. We will be learning to create and perform moves that develop in quality and control, exploring dynamics and how they change the appearance of the performance and using the space around them.

Please can you make sure your child has the right PE kit. No earrings are to be worn on PE days unless your child can take them out themselves, they will need a small pot to keep them safe. Children will have bare feet in the hall, please provide plimsolls if this might be a problem for your child. As children will be in their PE kits all day, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the colder weather.

### Weekly Spellings

We are now using Spelling Shed to teach and practice spellings. They will have a 30 minute lesson every Tuesday which will focus on a spelling rule or pattern, followed by spelling activities throughout the week linked to the spelling rule or pattern being studied.

A list of the spelling rules/patterns will be sent home weekly with the children, sometimes along with optional activities for them to complete. The terms spellings will also be made available on the class page of the school website.

Each Monday your child will have a spelling test based on the spelling patterns from the week before. We may also include spellings from previous weeks as well as the Year 5 common exception words that we will also be practising in school. They will complete their test in spelling books which will be marked and then sent home for you to share. New spellings will be sent home each Tuesday to be practised during the week at home and tested the following week in school.

Pupils will also have a Spelling Shed account, that gives them access to the online games which will support them in learning the weekly spellings. We would like children to spend **at least 10 minutes per week** playing these games as it will really help strengthen their recall.

A Parent Guide is available here: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

### **Reading**

In Year 5, we continue to use the Accelerated Reading programme. Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child complete a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets.

<https://ukhosted27.renlearn.co.uk/6706259/HomeConnect>



We have an accelerated reading session each day in class, so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day.

### Cooking

As part of our DT curriculum, all of the children will get the opportunity to take part in cooking lessons with Mrs Siggers in the kitchen. The children will not all go at the same time and may not cook until the end of the year. The children have been split into groups and each group will attend five sessions across the term. When it is your child's turn, you will receive a letter with all of the details. In order to cover the cost of the ingredients, we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child. This only needs to be paid when it is your child's turn. They will also need to bring in a Tupperware box each week to take home their cooking.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Miss Hipkiss