

Foxes Newsletter



Friday 31st October 2025

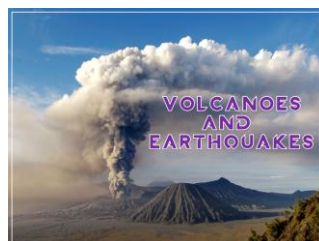
Term Two

Dear Parents,

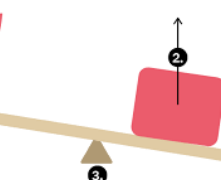
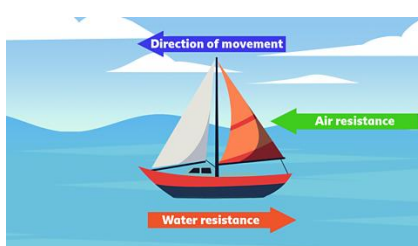
I hope that you have had an enjoyable break. There's always plenty to look forward to during this term as we head towards the festive season. For some of this term's events, such as the cinema visit, a brief overview is given in this newsletter and a separate letter will follow with full details.

Our Topics

This term, we will be continuing our humanities topic, 'Awesome Earth'. During this topic work, pupils will learn about the power of nature. They will learn about how volcanoes and earthquakes and will use maps to locate the parts of the world which form the 'ring of fire'. They will investigate the ways in which natural disasters have destroyed environments and impacted communities and will go on to look at how human activity can affect the world we live in. They will look at a range of environmental issues and natural disasters, the impact these have on the people living in the areas, and how people survive when natural disasters strike.



In our science work, we will continue to learn about forces such as gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. Pupils will learn about levers, pulleys, and gears and explore their effects. This will link into this term's design technology work. We will also begin to look at our next science unit, 'Properties and Changes in Materials'. Pupils will explore and compare the properties of a broad range of materials, building on what they learnt about magnetism and electricity in previous years. They will have opportunities to explore reversible changes such as evaporating, filtering, sieving, melting and dissolving. They will also explore changes that are difficult to reverse such as burning and rusting.



Melting



Freezing



Spellings and TT Rockstars

We continue to use Spelling Shed as our spelling programme. New spellings will be given every Monday and tested the following Monday. A list of the spelling rules/patterns which we will study during the year, along with exemplar words, will be available on the class page of the school website for your information. You will also find the weekly Spelling Shed homework as well as year 3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling word lists on our class page. The first set of words, and accompanying homework, for term two will be given out on Monday 3rd November with the first spelling test taking place on Monday 10th November.

All children are encouraged to continue strengthening the speed and accuracy of their times tables knowledge using TT Rockstars. Pupils are assigned TT Rockstars tasks to complete each week.



Reading

All children have their current ZPD recorded in their reading record. Pupils have now been awarded merits for successfully meeting their AR targets in term one.

We have been tracking how many books and pages we have read as a class. In term one, a total of 305 books were read by Foxes class and the overall total of pages read was an amazing 6879! I'm so impressed with all of their efforts!

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://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

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.



P.E

Due to timetabling changes, from the week beginning 3rd November, we will be moving our PE lesson to Tuesday each week. If the need arises to change the PE day at any point during the year due to other events taking place, you will be notified in advance. Please ensure your child wears suitable P.E kit on this day. In line with the policy, small stud earrings may be worn in school but must be removed for PE lessons. It is always helpful for children to have a small purse, envelope or box to put their earrings in if they are going to remove them. This helps to keep them safe in their tray or locker. Long hair should be tied back for PE lessons. This term we will be doing dance. The expectation is that all pupils remove their footwear for this term's indoor PE lessons.

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Visit – Wednesday 19th November

We are excited to inform you that as part of the Into Film festival, Year 5 and 6 will be going on a trip to the cinema on Wednesday 19th November. The movie we will be watching is 'Harold and the Purple Crayon', which is an adaptation of the book by Crockett Johnson.



Harold is a cartoon boy living in an animated world with his magical purple crayon. Whatever he draws using the crayon instantly comes to life. As he gets older, he becomes more creative and ambitious in his drawings, going from smaller objects to grand cities. Now an adult, he decides that he wants to visit the real world, and draws a door that allows him to enter it alongside his animal friends Moose and Porcupine who transform into humans. Harold befriends a woman named Terri and her son Mel who help him to navigate his new surroundings which come with all sorts of challenges including a man named Gary who wants to use Harold's crayon for evil.

The school have secured the tickets from 'Into Film' (a charity that promotes film in education) and the screening will take place at Cineworld Rochester. A separate letter will be sent out with the full details and permission slip. The film is rated 'PG'. Please ensure that you have read the synopsis for the film before giving consent for your child to attend. Any children not joining us for this event should attend school as usual on this day.

Creative Week

Last term, we held a whole school Creative Week. The theme for this was 'Animals'. Foxes class looked at the work of two different artists, Romero Britto and Jeff Koons. They did some fantastic work and really enjoyed working in the bold, colourful 'pop art' style used by these artists. They worked individually, in pairs, and in small groups using a range of different techniques and they should be really proud of the work they produced. Photographs of their work will be added to the class page of the school website very soon.



Many Thanks,
Miss Davey