

# Foxes Newsletter



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

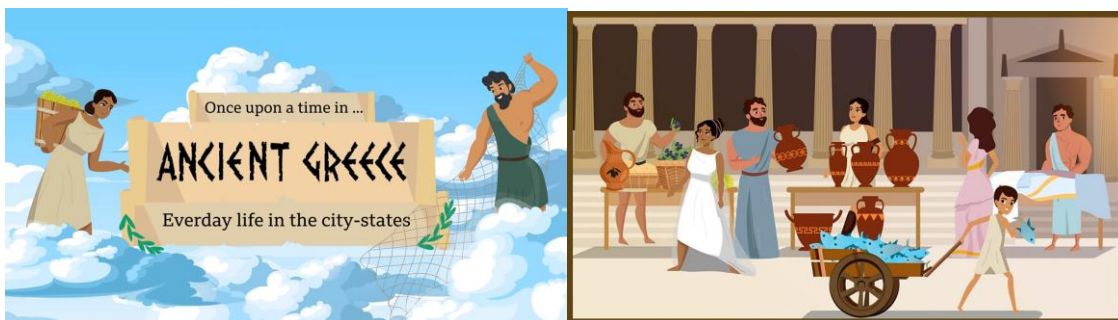
## Term Three

Dear Parents,

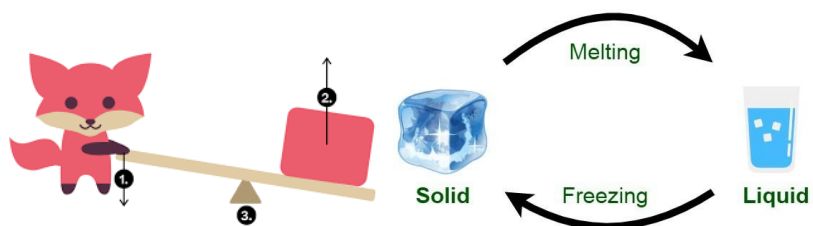
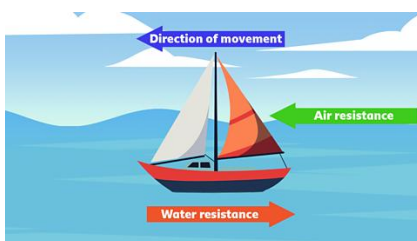
I hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas and New Year break. The children have settled back into school routines well this week and have made a positive start to the new term.

### Our Topics

This term, we will begin our humanities topic, 'Meet the Greeks'. During this work, the children will take a trip back to one of the most fascinating civilisations in history as they discover Ancient Greece. They will explore how much of this civilisation is still evident in our society today and will discover the people, the inventions, the art, the technology, the mythology and much more. Children will deepen their research skills in order to investigate what life was like on a daily basis for the Ancient Greeks. They will also look at the origin of the Olympic Games and how it compares to the Olympics of today. During this topic, they will extend their knowledge of Europe by studying the country of Greece, becoming familiar with the key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities in both ancient and modern Greece.



In our science work, we will continue our work on '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.



## Spellings and TT Rockstars

We continue to use Spelling Shed as our spelling programme. Due to timetable changes relating to swimming, the spelling test day will be changing this term. New spellings will be given every **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. The first set of words, and accompanying homework, for term three will be given out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January with the first spelling test taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

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 completed a STAR assessment this week and their updated ZPD has been recorded in their reading record. Pupils have now been awarded merits for successfully meeting their AR targets in term two.

We are continuing to track how many books and pages we read as a class across the year. During term two, **297** books were read by Foxes class and the number of pages read was an incredible **14,475!** This means that so far during year five we have read a total of **602** books and our total number of pages read is **21,354!**

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child completes 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 – Swimming (Fridays)

Our PE day for this term is **Friday**. Children need to arrive at school at 8.15, with their PE kits on with their swimming costume underneath. Gates will open by 8.20 and we aim to be leaving by 8.30.

Please send your child in with two bags; their normal school bag (this will be left at school) and their swimming bag which should contain: goggles, a towel, a water bottle, underwear, socks, hair towel (if needed), a brush (if needed) and a swimming cap (if normally used).

They will be staying in PE kits all day and will need to be warm enough for the rest of the day. Please make sure your child brings a coat to school to keep them warm when they leave the leisure centre. Even if your child doesn't usually bring a snack, please provide snacks this term to give them more energy after swimming. No earrings are to be worn on PE days unless your child can take them out/put them in themselves. To avoid risk of losing earrings at the pool, please could children come to school with their earrings taken out. They will be able to put them back in once we return to school after the swimming session. Please provide a small box so they can be kept safe. If needed, please provide a hair band for your child as their hair will need to be up.

Many Thanks,  
**Miss Davey**