

Foxes Newsletter



Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing Easter break. Term five may be short but we have lots happening this term.

Term Five

Our Topics

This term, we will conclude our humanities topic, Meet the Greeks, with a Greek food tasting experience and a re-enactment of the Ancient Greek Olympic Games. We will then start our next topic, Let It Flow! During this work, pupils will learn all about rivers including the water cycle. They will develop their fieldwork skills such as using 4 and 6 figure grid references, symbols and keys (including the use of Ordnance survey maps) as well as learning to observe, measure, record and present human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods such as sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.



This term in Science, our focus is Earth and Space. The children will learn about the Sun, Earth and the solar system, including how day and night occur. They will explore the eight planets and understand how the Moon orbits the Earth. As part of this unit, pupils will take part in practical activities such as creating simple models, investigating shadows and exploring how people have used the Sun to measure time, helping to bring their learning to life.

Spellings and TT Rockstars

We continue to use Spelling Shed as our spelling programme. This term, due to PGL and the Bank Holiday weekend, our spellings will be set and tested on different days. The first spellings will be set on Monday 20th April and tested on Tuesday 28th April. There will then be no spellings set until Tuesday 5th May due to PGL/Bank Holiday. These spellings will be tested on Tuesday 12th May. The next set of spellings will be given on Friday 15th May to be tested on Friday 22nd May.

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

Foxes Class continue to work steadily towards their Accelerated Reader targets and merits have been added to their merit cards for their achievements across term four.



We are continuing to track how many books and pages we read as a class across the year. During term four, **217** books were read by Foxes class and the number of pages read was an amazing **12,674!** This means that so far during year five we have read a total of **1,103** books and our total number of pages read is **44,820!**

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

Our PE day for this term has returned to being **Tuesday**. 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.

Summer Term Maths Homework

From the Summer Term, we will be introducing optional Maths homework for Year 5. This will be set each Tuesday, beginning on 5th May, and should be returned the following Monday. The tasks will link closely to short revision sessions taking place in class (two 20-minute sessions each week) and are designed to help pupils revisit and strengthen their understanding and recall of key mathematical concepts from Years 3, 4 and early Year 5. This is an area we are continuing to develop following recent assessments, and the aim is to build confidence and fluency in a supportive way.

The homework will be paper-based, with each pupil provided with an individual homework folder to keep their work organised. Copies will also be made available on the class page of the school website. As always, homework is optional in line with school policy; however, regular completion can be very beneficial in reinforcing learning, supporting preparation for the transition to Year 6 and, where appropriate, 11+ testing. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with your child's learning.

Kent Test (11+) – Important Information for Parents

The deadline to register for the Kent Test is 1st July. Details and dates for the September 2026 Kent Test will be available via the Kent website in May 2026. If you are planning to register your child, we kindly ask that you inform the school once registration has been completed. This helps us ensure that your child's work from Terms 5 and 6 is boxed and stored appropriately at the end of the school year, should it be needed.

Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

If your child has a disability or special educational needs (SEN) that may affect their access to the test, it is important that this is discussed before registration. Please contact Mrs Dunn, the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), as soon as possible. The school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements, which may require supporting evidence. All requests and evidence must be submitted in line with Kent's timescales and before the 1st July registration deadline.

For further information about the special arrangements process, you can also contact Kent Admissions at: kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Many Thanks,

Miss Davey