

Foxes Newsletter



Term One

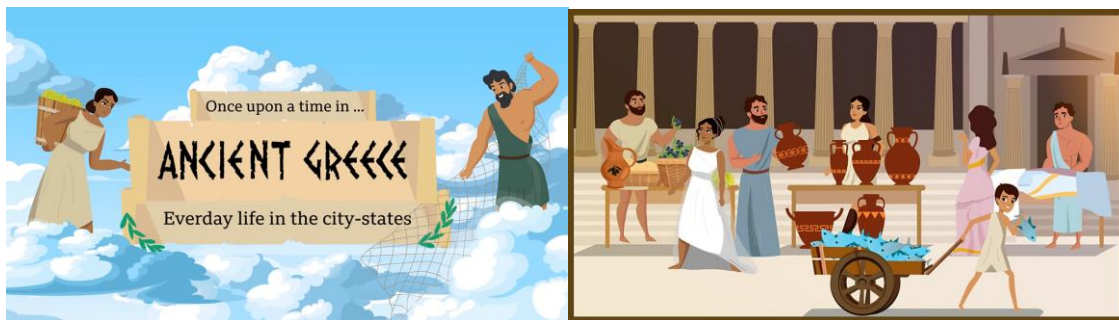
Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

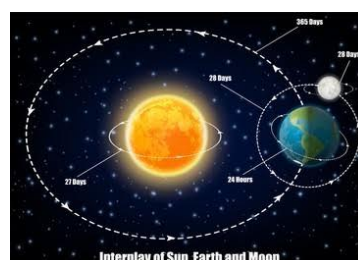
Welcome back for the start of a new school year; I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have all had a positive start to the term and have calmly settled into the routines and expectations of Year 5.

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 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.



This term in science, our focus is Earth and Space. The children will learn about the Sun, Earth and our 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. New spellings will be given every Friday and tested the following Friday. 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, will be given out on Friday 11th September with the first spelling test taking place on Friday 18th September.

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



Reading

All children have their current ZPD recorded in their reading record.

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

Our PE lesson will take place each week on Thursday. 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.

Meet the Teacher – Friday 11th September

Our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting takes place on Friday 11th September. The aim of this meeting is to give you an overview of what your child will be learning in Year 5 and to help you become familiar with the routines and expectations for the year. If you are unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation and any accompanying resources shared during the meeting will be made available to you on the class page of the school website once the meeting has taken place. The class page can be found at <https://www.higham.kent.sch.uk/foxes-year-5>

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you soon,

Miss Davey