



Year 1 Foxes Newsletter –Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a fabulous Christmas! I can't believe that we are a third of the way through the school year already! Here's what we are up to this half term...

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will be continuing with Phase 5, learning lots of alternative ways of writing sounds, such as the 'oa' in bone, moan, and go. They will also be learning lots more tricky words.

We will be continuing to read with the children in their guided reading sessions, with an increasing focus on comprehension and understanding what they have read.

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 \(booksfortopics.com\)](http://booksfortopics.com)

Writing

This term we will complete two book-based writing units and a film unit. We will be starting with a film called 'Something Fishy', with a focus on sentence structure and using the word 'and'. We will also be using adjectives when writing our own stories.



Our first book unit is Alan's Big Scary Teeth, and we will be writing a non-chronological report about crocodiles and exploring a story using role-play and predictions. We will also begin exploring editing our own writing.

Our final unit is based on a story called Grandad's Island. This story explores themes of loss and bereavement, although very subtly, and we will handle this sensitively with the children. You may wish to explore the story with them first and you can watch a reading of it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVWHACJW-XQ>

We will be using inference to make predictions and developing our sentence structures in our story writing.

Maths

This term our first unit is place value within 20 where we will explore the number system from 11-20. The children will recognise numerals, compare, and order numbers and place numbers on a number line.



Our second unit is addition and subtraction within 20. We will build on the skills learned in the autumn term using larger numbers and learning new concepts such as using near doubles. We will also be learning how to find the difference as part of subtraction.

Science

The science theme is 'Sensitive Bodies.' The children will be learning to name body parts, as well as exploring the five senses. They will also look at scientists and what might be involved in learning more about biology as a career.



Computing

In computing, we have two units. The first is Maze Explorers where the children will learn how to use the direction keys. The second unit is Technology Outside of School. In this unit the children will explore the different types of technology around us and in the community.



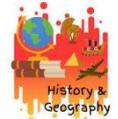
DT

In DT, we will be exploring textiles by making puppets. We will complete this in a DT day at the end of the term where the children will learn different joining techniques and designing and creating their own puppets.



Geography

Our geography unit is exploring the question 'what is the weather like in the UK?', always a popular topic of conversation! They will be building upon our science learning about seasons from Autumn 1, and looking for any weather patterns across the country. You could support with this by watching some weather reports with the children or looking at a weather outline online.



Music

Our music focus this term is 'in the groove' and the children will be exploring how one piece of music can be played in different styles. Each week we will focus on a different music genre and listen to another piece of the same style. We will also be developing core music skills around rhythm and tempo.



PE

PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday**. We will be learning sending and receiving skills for outdoor PE and dance when inside.



Children should come to school in their school PE kit on these days - black joggers/leggings and black hoody/sweatshirt or school jumper.

PSHE

This term in PSHE we have two topics. Our first is called 'water spillage' and is about being responsible with water use. Our second is about the feeling of jealousy and how to manage this strong emotion. We will also be taking part in activities for child mental health week, which is the week beginning 5th February.



RE

In RE, we will be exploring 'Places in Christianity' and learning about churches. We will look at the symbols and main features and why they are important to Christians.



Enrichment

To support our RE unit, we are planning to visit the church of St Michael and All Angels in Great Oakley. We will look at different features of the building and learn why they are important.



Homework Project

We will continue to send home the phonics booklets with the weekly breakdown of learning, the maths booklets for each unit, and the guided reading books each week.





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Please record the children's reading each week so that they can earn Dojo points for home learning. The children should also continue to practice their handwriting using the Kinetic Letters booklets sent home in Autumn 2.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Ilko

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Spring 1

Thursday 4th January – School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 1st February – Whole School Panto – Cinderella

W/B 5th February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

Friday 16th February – school closes for Half Term





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Spring 2

Monday 26th February – school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 5th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 6th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter



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