



Y2 Foxes Class Newsletter Term 4

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had a great half term and are ready for Term 4. Hopefully the children feel rested and are prepared for another busy term ahead.

The children have reached the halfway point of the year and I am pleased with the efforts and progress made by them so far. They have shown much better focus and an improved attitude to learning since the beginning of the year, which has been great to see.

Our three 'Class Targets' will remain the same for this term as they are areas the class need to continue to focus on. These are mentioned later in the newsletter for you to look at and emphasise to the children at home.

Please can I ask for the children to be reminded to complete their MathShed task at home each week. It is a useful app/website that really supports the children's understanding, use and recall speed of important number facts.

We will have an opportunity later this term to meet at parent consultations but in the meantime, please feel free to come and see me before or after school if you need to, or email me at daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk if that is easier.

Kind regards,

Mr Warner

Key Dates

- Thursday 29th February - Sponsored bounce
- Monday 4th - Friday 8th March - Assessment Week
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th March - Parent Consultations
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March - Science Week
- Friday 22nd March - Y2 Trip to Leeds Castle
- Thursday 28th March - Last day of Term 4
- Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5



Topics Overview

English - This term we will focus largely on narrative writing linked to traditional stories and fairy tales. This will provide opportunities for creative writing such as retelling known stories; planning and writing alternative versions of traditional tales; exploring story language patterns; characterisation through role play; and performing and telling stories through drama. We will continue to teach daily phonics to support reading and spelling, and maintain a focus on grammar, punctuation & vocabulary within sessions.

Maths - Topics this term will include work on the four operations and tackling a range of calculations with missing numbers; learning about fractions and measures, including telling the time and measuring length and mass; and the concept of direction and movement, such as clockwise and anticlockwise turns, as well as using and applying positional language.

Science - This term, our topic areas will include: what different animal groups eat and comparing the conditions and habitats in which different animals and plants can survive; the properties of materials; weather patterns in the four seasons; basic components in electrical circuits; and forces and friction, and the effects of rolling objects on different slopes.

R.E - This term we will be exploring the question: *How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?* We will focus on Methodism and the children will consider how Methodist values at the heart of our school affect the way we treat others and our world.

P.E - PE lessons will continue to take place on Mondays (afternoon with Mr Warner) and Wednesdays (morning with Mrs Fulton). This term the children will continue with hockey as a focus during outdoor sessions and key steps followed by gym on the large apparatus during their indoor sessions.

PSHE - This term, sessions will be based around the question '*What helps us to stay safe?*' which explores ideas such as recognising risks and hazards in our everyday lives; keeping safe in different environments and around different people; understanding risks involved with household products and medicines; and what to do if you feel unsafe or worried in any given situation.

Computing - This term, the children will continue to use the Chromebooks to work towards creating a digital fact page. They will learn basic word processing skills, such as typing in fixed textboxes; changing font types and sizes; searching and inserting images; and presenting information in a word document.

Art - This term in art, we will look at the work of the famous artist Van Gogh, with a particular focus on his painting 'Starry Night'. The children will find out about the technique Van Gogh used in this painting and will try to use similar techniques to imitate his style in their own work.

History/Geography - Our topic is 'Kings and Queens', which looks at the life of Henry VIII in the past and explores simple comparisons with the role of Elizabeth II. We will find out about the features of a castle and the children will use historical sources for finding out about the past. There will be many opportunities for creative writing in history, including writing in role. Our school trip to Leeds Castle towards the end of term will consolidate and enhance our learning from this topic.

Music - This term we will continue our work on playing the glockenspiel. Building on how well the children did last term, they will learn a number of other tunes, which the children will perform and record in class, as well as having a go at making up some tunes of their own.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will continue to follow the same structure as before:

- **Spellings** - 10 spellings will be sent home on a Thursday to learn for a mini-test on a Tuesday.
- **Reading** - please encourage your child to read everyday (at least 10/15mins). Reading books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please write in the children's record books to let us know how reading is going at home.
- **Maths** - a maths task will be set on Maths Shed on a Thursday to be completed by Tuesday.
- **Optional Research Task** - there is always the option to complete research/extra work on any aspect of the curriculum. This can be shared with me in class.

Class Targets

For this term, I would like the children to continue to focus on developing the following areas:

- Remember to show good manners everyday
- Show kindness and consideration to others
- Be patient when needed

