**Class 4 Foxes**





**Newsletter**

**Autumn 2**

Hello and welcome back! I hope you’ve all had a lovely half term and a fantastic Halloween! Autumn 2 is always a very busy one with the run up to Christmas so please look out for any text messages regarding any activities and events that will be taking place.

At the beginning of each term, I will upload the new term documents to the class page on the website, these will include everything that you and your child need to know ready for the upcoming term including:

* Medium term plan which says what we will be covering in each subject
* Newsletter with important dates for the term
* Weekly spellings for the term
* Knowledge Organisers for Topic, science, and Computing. These have useful facts and vocabulary on them to help support the children’s learning throughout the term.

**Topics we will be learning in Autumn!**

During our Autumn term, which runs all the way through until Christmas we are going to be looking at Crime and Punishment. Last term the children focussed on crime and punishment in the past, looking at the crime and punishment through the Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian periods. This term children will be taking more of a geographical approach to our topic, looking at crime and punishment around the world. Finally, children will have the opportunity to compare modern day crime prevention and detection methods with those from the past and from around the world.

During science this term children are going to continue looking at materials and their properties. They will be looking at materials and their properties. They will look at their uses as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes.

For the topics children will be covering in all other subjects please make sure to have a look at the **Medium-Term Plan which is on our class page on the school website.**

**PE in Class 4**

Children will have PE twice a week, one of them being taught by Amber Valley and the other being taught by their class teacher. Children will be coming into school dressed in their sports clothes therefore PE kits do not need to be brought into school. Please be aware that this year we would like children to follow our PE policy in regards to PE uniform which is a plain white t-shirt, black/blue joggers or shorts and sensible footwear. **No named brands or football shirts please.** For Class 4 children need to come in their PE kits on a **Tuesday and Friday.**

**Last term we had lots of children lose their hoodies and other items of their PE kits, can you please ensure that your child’s uniform and PE kit have their name and class in.**

**Reading expectation in school and at home**

In school children will be part of a guided reading group and will also have the opportunity to read individually to an adult at school. They will be expected to read at least 3 times a week at home, but **5 times is the ideal**. It does not always have to be their reading book, it may be a book of their own choice, a comic or even a newspaper. **It would be helpful if reading at home was recorded in their reading record by either the child an adult.**

Once children let me know that they have finished their reading book, they will change it and I will write their new book in their reading record. If your child does finish a book, they can log onto Bug Club and read a range of books from there, or they can do comprehension activities linking to the book they have read, this might be answering questions on the book, writing a book review, retelling the story etc.

Reading in KS2 is not just about fluency it is also about comprehension and understanding of the text, reading comprehension is something that we will be focussing on a lot this term in Class 4. Children who impress an adult in their daily guided reading sessions will receive a raffle ticket that goes into a termly raffle for the chance to win a book token at the end of each half term!

Please can children remember to bring their reading packets into school every day. Towards the end of last term we had lots of children who were forgetting their reading packets which meant that any reading that was done in school was unable to be recorded.

**Every Friday** I will check the reading children have done at home, any parent notes that have been written in there and I will also write down their homework, spelling rule and times table for the following week.

**Homework in Class 4**

There is a continued expectation that your child logs onto **Bug club, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home**. (If your child’s Bug Club or TT Rockstar’s needs updating with new books or resources, please speak to me so I can add them)

Children will not be having homework folders like in previous years instead homework will be completed online using the platforms **SumDog or Spelling Shed.** Sumdog is an online maths programme linking to the work we are doing in our maths lessons and Spelling shed links to the children’s weekly spellings. Homework will not be set every week but when it is I will write it in your child’s reading record and also send out a text. If your child has struggled with the homework for that week, I will hold an intervention session during assembly one day to go through it with them.

Every Friday I check which children have logged on and completed their homework, if homework is continuously not completed conversations with parents will be had to see how we can best support your child going forward.

Each term children will also be asked to complete a homework project relating to the topic that we are learning in class. Our topic for Autumn is Crime and Punishment therefore I would like children to choose something that interests them about this topic and produce a piece of work around this. Their work could take any form. It could be a PowerPoint presentation, a piece of writing, a combination of typed up research and hand-drawn pictures, they might like to do some artwork or produce a model, write a story, song, or poem. We had some fantastic homework handed in last term which is now on our display! Children can complete their piece of topic homework at any point during Autumn term (between Sept and Dec) and they are more than welcome to bring it into school to show the rest of the class and if possible, have it added to our topic display. However, if you would prefer to email your child’s topic homework to me then that is absolutely fine too! I can then print a picture of it out for display.

**Other useful information**

* If possible, could all uniform and water bottles please be **labelled!** Children will keep their jumpers on their pegs if they take them off and their water bottles will stay on their desks throughout the day. However, making sure everything is labelled just ensures no mix ups at home time!
* Mrs Pepper will teach the children for my PPA.
* Mrs Pepper will be helping out in Class 4 every morning
* **Every Friday** children will have a weekly spelling test and TT Rockstars test. Children have been given their weekly spellings for the term and the times table they need to practice for TT Rockstars is on the math’s section of the medium-term plan. I will send a text message home every Friday letting you know your child’s spelling score.
* On the South Wingfield website, we have a class page. At the beginning of term, I will upload all the term documents to this page and then throughout the term I will upload photos and videos of things that we get up to in Class 4! If you would like to have a look at these, you can find out class page under. Children- Class pages- Class 4 Foxes.

**Diary Dates**

**Please go onto the school website and look at the Mr Hunt’s whole school newsletter or calendar for any important dates this term. You can find both of these under the parents tab. If there are any important dates relating to our class, I will also add these to our newsletter.**

**10th November- World Science Day**

**15th and 16th November- Parents Evening**

**17th November- C2 Poetry Recital**

**12th and 13th December- KS1 Nativity**

**WC 11th December- Anti Bullying Week**

If you have any questions regarding anything discussed in this newsletter, please feel free to drop me an email.

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I will respond to your query as soon as possible. However, I am teaching on arrival at school and throughout the day. If you email after 6pm, the message may not be seen until the next day. Therefore, if you need an urgent response, please phone the school office on 01773 832890

Best wishes

Miss Wareham