



Dear Parents,

Welcome

Welcome back after the holidays, we hope that you have had a lovely summer, and like us you are looking forward to the school year ahead.

The Team

Just a reminder of who we are and where we are...

Fox Class: Miss Thompson and Mrs Price

Badger Class: Mrs Smith, Mrs Neary and Mrs Sahil

Fire Fire!

Our topic for this term will be Fire Fire! Our focus for the first half term will be The Great Fire of London, which will encompass many aspects of the curriculum with a particular focus on History and DT. As Historians, the children will be finding out about the fire and understanding some differences between London now and then, as well as the Fire Brigade now and then. We will develop an understanding of various historical figures such as Samuel Pepys, Florence Nightingale and Guy Fawkes.

Here are some of the activities we will be doing:



English: We will be writing recounts from the perspective of Guy Fawkes and looking in depth at the features of fairy tales using the text The Firebird.

Science: We will be looking at the suitability of every day materials and how they can be changed with force.

Maths: We begin with numbers and the number system, developing numerical fluency before considering the properties of shapes. Towards the end of this half term we shall look at fractions and measurement.

Dates for Outdoor Learning:

Fox class: 14th September, 28th September, 12th October, 2nd November, 16th November, 30th November,
Badge Class: 21st September, 5th October, 19th October, 9th November, 23rd November, 7th December

Reading

Firstly, thank you in advance for your continued support: regularly reading to and with your child at home is so vital.

It is our aim for your child to be heard read every week by their teacher, either individually or as part of a group. This will usually happen during our 'Reading Carousel' when if not reading, your children will be completing other reading activities. Your child will continue to follow a structured phonics programme which will take place daily, sometimes in groups and sometimes as a class. Please be aware that groups and teachers may change from time to time.

Weekly PE

For both classes, PE will take place at the following times:

Tuesday afternoon outdoors. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing - sweatshirt/zip-up top, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Thursday mornings: indoors: This term's focus is Dance. Children will need white t-shirts and blue shorts. Once in the hall, shoes and socks are removed, but for safety, these are worn to walk from the classroom to the hall and back.

Please ensure that on these days, hair is tied back and earrings are not worn, thank you.

Mornings and Home Time

Please may we remind you that in order to encourage the children's independence we ask that you stay at the top of the steps and that the children come down and into school by themselves, thank you.

Either verbally or in writing, please inform us if somebody else will be collecting your child or they will be attending funzone. For the safety of your children we are unable to let them go with somebody else if we have not been informed. Should plans change throughout the school day, please telephone the school office. There are charts for regular home time arrangements for both classes in our cloakroom.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening this half term. Here is a reminder and a slight change to the parents evening times/dates:

Badger Class: October 20th 1:30 - 8:00

Fox class October 19th 5:30 - 7:30 and October 20th 1:30 - 5:00

Year 2 reminders:

1. Children will need PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
2. Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school every day.
3. Home learning is set on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. The expectation of home learning is that the children will spend 30 minutes on the task.
4. Please can all pieces of clothing be clearly named, including hats.

Should you have any queries at all please feel free to speak to us.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Thompson and Mrs Smith