6th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Huckstep and I would like to welcome you to Foxes class, whether you are a new arrival to the class, or returning for another year. Hopefully, everyone had a lovely summer, and we are all ready to start a wonderful year together!

I would like to give you some information about Fox’s class and our routines.

PE: Children will be either swimming or going to the gym on a Tuesday afternoon. The plan is for the children to be split into two groups, half will swim and half with gym until half term (ish) and they will swap over. More information around this will follow from Mr. Day very shortly.

Our other PE slot will be on a Friday morning.

PE kit: We have decided that in preparation for having to change for PE when children transition to Secondary school, KS2 children (Foxes and Squirrels) will need to wear uniform on their PE days and have their PE kit in school to change into for their lessons. I would recommend keeping their PE kits in school for the half term and then they won’t forget it!

We will also be taking part in outdoor learning on a Friday morning with the year 5 children from Squirrels class. A letter with dates and clothing needs will follow in the coming week.

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them when they come to school on Monday each week. This will be with them on their desk as we are no longer allowed to use the water fountain.

I will be sending out an update about home learning and spellings over the coming weeks once we have settled into a routine and I have been able to set up the in class systems to support these.

Reading: All children are on the Accelerated Reader programme. We will be updating our assessments during the first two weeks of term. Until this time, the children are to continue to read at their previous level. A reading log will be provided for your child and for the programme to be successful in its process I would like you to encourage your child to read for 10 minutes each day (we will do 10 minutes in class too, so they hit the recommended daily read for the programme). As the children are year 4 and 5, this 10 minutes of daily reading will be part of the homework expectation.

This terms topic will be: Myths and Legends. It is a history topic and our focus will be on the Ancient Greeks. If you have any resources at home that you would like to share with us that would be wonderful!

I would also like to take this chance to say how much I am looking forward to teaching Foxes for the coming year, I hope to get to know the class really well and to really make a positive impact on their learning, and their time at school in general.

Particularly, as a new teacher for the class taking over from last year I understand that there may be questions you have for me, or would just like to have a quick conversation so that you feel familiar with your child’s teacher for the next year, so feel free to speak with me either before or after school hours, or if you would prefer please leave me an email at: [phil.platt@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:phil.platt@ventrus.org.uk) , and I will try to reply as soon as possible.

I hope this has covered all of your questions and look forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead.

Best Wishes

Phillip Platt