

With God's love, we learn hand in hand



Autumn Term- Foxes Newsletter



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Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and I am so excited to be welcoming you back to Sigglesothorne for a very exciting year ahead.

The Savage Stone Age

Our topic this term is 'The Savage Stone Age' where we will be learning about how humans in the Stone Age managed to survive. We have lots of exciting and enriching activities to develop the children's knowledge and skills across the curriculum. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for more details.

Reading

With a high level of engagement in reading in the Foxes, the children have been assigned a specific book that has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. After completing their first book given to them this week, they can choose their own books from an appropriate selection for their reading level, to support their progress. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency, expression and confidence in reading. Please continue to support your child's reading at home by encouraging them to read at least 4 times each week and please don't forget to record this reading in their reading records so that we can see when they have read their books. 10 minutes each day can really help to improve their reading fluency and confidence. As always, we love for the children to read for pleasure so if there are other books that your child would like to read, please encourage them to do so! Any additional books can be included in the children's reading records. Continuing to ask your child questions about what they are reading will really help them to develop their comprehension skills and therefore their understanding of what they have read. These questions can simply be things like 'what do you think will happen next and why?' or 'how do you think this person is feeling?'



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Spellings

Spelling tests will take place every Monday. New spellings will also be provided each Monday.

Maths

Every Friday, the children will have a quiz to keep track of their mental maths progress and fluency skills. There is no set method for the children to learn their number facts. Some children learn through chanting and singing. Others write them down. Some make games and quizzes. Whatever you think works for you and your child. If you need any help with strategies, then please speak to me and I will be happy to help.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday. However, we ask that your child brings a full indoor and outdoor school PE kit, including outdoor trainers, on a Monday morning and leaves it in school for the week. We will continue to teach PE outside unless there are extreme weather conditions then we will be inside. Our outdoor PE kit consists of the kingfisher blue or white t-shirt, blue or black joggers and trainers. If you think your child requires extra layers then please send it with them and please remember to provide socks if your child wears tights.

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled as each year we seem to have more and more stray clothing. If it is labelled it is easier to find and return to the owner.

Seesaw

I am hoping to get the new Seesaw class set up as soon as I can. If you're not familiar with Seesaw, it is similar to Tapestry. I will post photographs and videos to the journal for parents to view, like and comment on. You can upload any photographs of home learning and can also send me messages. Please check your child's bag for information about how to link to the class.

Outdoor shoes

Many of the children enjoy playing on the grass outside during playtimes and lunchtimes. As the weather turns colder and wetter, please provide some outdoor shoes (old trainers, wellies etc.) to enable your child to continue to play on the grass if they wish to.

Water bottles

Please continue to send your child to school with a water bottle each day. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the school day and these can be refilled at school when needed.

Throughout the year, we have evenings and events that give us the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. However, our door is always open and if you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your support, Miss Young