

Fox Class Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM

Welcome back everyone!

It has been joy to get to know our new Fox class and hearing all about what they are looking forward to in year two. I am really glad that the children have settled in so quickly and are eager to get learning already!

I have been particularly impressed with how the children are taking to being at the top of the school and the great role models they are for the younger years. It is good to see that from the beginning of the day they are ready to learn, sensibly walking in to school, finding their pegs and beginning their morning routines, which is helping them to develop independence. A great way to start to the term so well done to them!

CHILDREN'S LEARNING

The children will have the opportunity to work independently, in small groups and as a class with the support of our brilliant teaching assistants Mrs Moore and Mrs Love.

If you would like to support your child by pre teaching, please have a look on class dojo at the end of each week for an outline of the following week's core subjects.

I will start the term celebrating a fresh start and new beginnings. Our topic will be 'The Great Fire of London!'. This will also give us the opportunity to study Samuel Pepys as our significant historical figure. Please see the

curriculum map for more details on what else we will be covering this term across all of the subjects.

TIMETABLE

Our PE lessons are timetabled for Wednesdays and Friday. Please see the information, which will be emailed with regards to Forest School and the dates of those sessions.

The children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kits on **Wednesday** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that all kit is named including trainers.

Things to keep at school

We try to plan for our lessons to make the most of the outdoor areas where we can and therefore it is very important for your child to have a spare **waterproof coat** in school **every day**, which can stay on your child's peg. This is essential for playtimes too.

HOMEWORK

The most important homework is **reading every day**.

The school's reading meeting is worth going to especially if you were unable to attend last year. This will be on Friday 26th September at 9.10am. The children are being assessed in these first two weeks of this term for their new groups.

Once in a group, please continue to hear your child read at home using their reading book and note this in the reading record diary. Like last year,

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your child should be encouraged to retell the story to you, discuss characters and vocabulary as well as be able to express their own opinion on a book.

It is also valuable to read **to** your child regularly to develop their ideas, vocabulary and model the importance of expression!

We do regular reading assessments and decide whether we think your child is ready for the next reading level. Judgements are based on several assessment areas and it is not just about reading fluently.

VOLUNTEERS

If you have any spare time, and would like to offer your help with reading, art activities, mounting work for displays or filing etc., please let me know. Any help within the school is greatly appreciated. Volunteers should be DBS checked.

CONTACT

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have and of course, we have your child's very best interests at heart. Please catch me on the door or for anything more pressing, please email us through the school office (info@puttenham.surrey.sch.uk). Please **do not** message me through ClassDojo as we do not monitor this section.

I am looking forward to an action packed year with your wonderful children!

Kind regards,
Miss Reynolds

Summary of key dates ...

Meet The Teacher

Friday 12th September at 9am in the classroom (The Power Point will be put on to the website next week for anyone who cannot attend)

Reading meeting

Friday 26th September at 9.10am.

Safeguarding meeting for volunteers

Tuesday 23rd September 8.50am.

