

Fox Class Newsletter



Spring TERM

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a wonderful winter break, it has been lovely to hear how much the children enjoyed spending time with their families and friends over the festive period. We would like to thank you again for the generous Christmas cards and presents, we are so grateful.

Foxes have come back bubbling with excitement and are ready to learn, which is great to see as we have a busy term of learning ahead!

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

This term children will build on and develop the skills, which they have acquired throughout their learning so far throughout our topic for this term: 'Transport – on the move'. We will explore different themes within the history of transport and learn about key historical figures such as Amelia Earhart, and the Wright Brothers. Please see the curriculum map for more details on what else we will be covering this term across all of the subjects.

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.

TIMETABLE

Our PE lessons are continuing to be timetabled for Wednesdays and Fridays so they will need to come into school dressed in their PE kits on **Wednesday** and **Fridays**. Please ensure that all kit is named including trainers.

Book changing days will continue to be on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays (please remember to send books in otherwise we cannot exchange them.) As we get to the end of the phonics scheme, there will no longer be a read write in book bag book sent home or allocated online; instead they will receive an additional reading for pleasure chapter book.

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

Again, the most important homework is **reading every day**. Please do keep hearing your child read and note this

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in the reading record diary; including how they have read. It is also important to have meaningful discussions about what they have read to ensure understanding. Encourage them to re-tell the story to you, discuss characters and new vocabulary and express their opinion on the books they have read. Please also make sure to discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary so that they can infer the text and understand what is being read. It is wonderful to see the children's confidence in reading developing, as well as their fluency.

We will continue to have a show and tell session on a Thursday afternoon – due to so many children taking part in this last term, we ask that children bring in things which are purposeful and that they have prepared to talk about, so that the class can stay engaged and all children get a chance to present.

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 already so impressed by how much Fox class have developed and achieved and I look forward to a busy spring together!

Kind regards,
Miss Reynolds

Summary of key dates ...

Internet safety day:

Tuesday 10th February

Spring Half term:

Monday 16th – Friday 20th Feb

Spring INSET day:

Monday 23rd February

World Book Day – costume dress up:

Thursday 5th March

Come and see my learning followed by Mother's Day assembly:

Friday 13th March 8.45am

School trip:

Brooklands transport museum - Friday 24th March

Parent teacher meetings:

Tuesday 24th March 3.15pm – 6pm

Thursday 26th March 4pm – 7pm

Easter church service:

Friday 27th March and break up at 1pm.

