

THE 'FOX' TIMES

By Mr Price, November 2026

Respect, Empower, Grow



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to meet and speak to you all before the half term during our pupil progress meetings. If you were unable to make your appointment and would still like to discuss your child's progress, please let me know and I will happily arrange a time to do this. We're pleased to say that the children have hit the ground running after the holidays and returned ready to start their new learning for this half term with fantastic enthusiasm. I think you will agree that the children were amazing in their class worship and showed confidence and bravery to talk in front of such a big crowd. Please see the reverse side of this letter to read more about our current learning.
As always, we I am here to support you and your child in any way we can. We are looking forward to this half term and all of the exciting learning opportunities and celebrations we have in store.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 30th November: Children will take part in decorating the Christmas tree as a school family.
- Friday 4th December: Hygge family event (more information to follow).
- Tuesday 8th December: Year 1 Nativity in Church at 10am.
- Friday 11th December: Christmas jumper day, den making day and Christmas dinner day.
- Wednesday 16th December: Year 1 Christmas party in the afternoon (children are invited to wear their party clothes).
- Friday 18th December: School closes for the Christmas holidays at 2pm.

PE

Year 1 PE sessions will be taking place every Tuesday and Friday this half term. Please ensure your child comes in a fully named PE kit in school on these days. To support your child in getting dressed and undressed confidently for school, please encourage your child to do this themselves at home where possible and also (because of the cold starting to hit us) we are having a big push on fastening our own zips on our coats.

Our Learning Muscle that we will be stretching this half term will be focusing on:

Managing Distractions

Within the classroom and during collective worship, we will be sharing strategies to support children in managing their distractions to enable them to continue to focus on the task in hand (even when this can be really tricky).

Forgiveness

Our Christian value for this term is 'Forgiveness'. We will be thinking about what it means to forgive and the importance of forgiveness. Using key stories from the Bible, such as 'Jacob and his Twelve Sons' we will consider what these stories tell us about forgiveness and what they teach us about God.

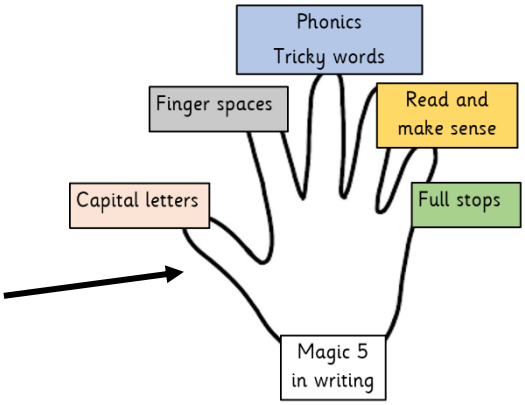
Reading Volunteers

We really appreciate help with listening to readers in our class. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Mr Price. No experience or qualifications are needed for this!

Our learning this half term….

Literacy

This half term our focus text is 'Smartest Giant in Town' by Julia Donaldson. The children will have been 'inspired' by the story in the first week and will write sentences about the story. In the next few weeks, the children will be working as a class family to plan how we could make alterations to the story by changing some of the animals and the problems that the characters face. This is part of their creation week. A big focus is on including the 'Magic 5'.



How can I help at home?

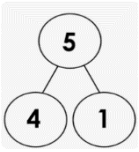
Practise writing numbers (ensuring they are the right way around).

Reading and writing numbers within 100. Especially numbers in the 20s, 30s and 50s (as these numbers children find more difficult).

Counting forwards and backwards within 100.

Maths

Within our maths lessons children will continue to become confident with their recognition of numbers to 100 and counting within 100. This half term we will be comparing objects using the words 'more', 'fewer' and 'equal'. Children will also be using a part part whole model to partition numbers within 10.



Foundation subjects

History: Our topic this half term is 'The Victorians', we will be learning what life was like for a Victorian child, exploring their homes, toys, food and school. We will use some historical artefacts to bring the learning to life!

Design and technology: In our DT topic this half term we will be designing and creating our own moving pictures using levers and sliders to allow our pictures to move. If you have any books at home with sliders and levers you might like to explore how these move!

Science: As scientists, children will be continuing to develop their knowledge of common animals. They will learn how to categorise the animals into mammals, birds, fish, reptiles or amphibians. Children will develop in confidence when comparing animals and begin to develop their understanding of which common animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

Religious Education: We will be exploring the big question: 'Who made the world?' We will be exploring the Christian story of creation and thinking about what this story tells Christians about what God is like. We will also be thinking about how we can show thanks for the wonderful creation of our world.

PE: The children will continue to have two sessions of PE within the week: one will be led by the Year 1 teachers where the focus will be on throwing and catching skills. Their second session of PE will be led by Mr Price and the children will be developing their gymnastics skills.

RHE: Our work on our 'One Life' programme continues, with the focus on 'Our response system', 'Our bodies' and 'Being Safe'. The children will learn that all feelings and emotions are normal and how we can manage and respond to them.