

Helping your child with reading and homework.

We expect your child to **read every day**, recording a note in their reading diary; and complete **one homework challenge per week** with homework handed in on Mondays.

To help, please encourage your child to talk about what they've read and to create some time and space for them to complete their homework tasks. **If they ever need help with this, please write a note in their homework book or reading diary.** Reading diaries are collected in every day.

Autumn 1st Half Term

We will be learning more about people and animals. This includes:

- Science: learning how scientists classify animals by their common characteristics
- Geography: learning about environmental and economic reasons for migration, population changes and the impact of climate change.
- In Art: we will be learning about typography and visual design.
- PE: learning to work together to solve outdoor challenges; and ball-handling skills in Rugby.
- PSHE: learning about rules, roles and responsibilities in society.
- RE: learning about Christianity and how Christians show their devotion to God.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about place value – this involves understanding the value of each digit in a number. We will apply our understanding in a range of contexts, solving problems including ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to 10 million. After this, we will learn to use formal written calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It is important that children continue to rehearse their times tables.

Offer and Fox class Autumn Term 2026

English

In our daily writing lessons, we will be using descriptive and rhetorical language to describe characters, settings and sequences. During our grammar lessons, we will be learning to correctly punctuate a range of sentence types.

In our daily reading lessons, we will be considering how and why authors use a range of organisational devices (such as sub-headings, paragraphs and captions) to present and communicate ideas considering the intended audience and purpose. During spelling lessons, we will continue to break longer words into individual sounds and syllables.

Our first text study is the poem *The Most Dangerous Animal In The World* by Valerie Bloom.

Autumn 2nd Half Term

We will be learning more about electricity and uses of technology. This includes:

- Science: learning about switches and other components in electrical circuits
- History: learning about how people's lives were changed by World War II.
- In Design Technology: we will be using circuits within products we design and make for a given purpose.
- Computing: learning about webpage design and presenting information.
- PSHE: learning about online safety.
- PE: learning about co-ordination through dance and badminton.

Music in Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 children take part in weekly brass lessons. Look out for a further letter about their instrument loan.

Year 6 will begin learning a range of songs in preparation for their participation in this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 arena. More details to follow.

Things to remember

- ☐ Daily: hand in and reading records every day.
- ☐ Tuesday: Hand in homework books.
- ☐ Tuesday and Friday: Wear PE kit for PE.
- ☐ Friday: Year 5 brass instruments for music lessons.