

September 2023



## Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Fox and Fox Cubs Class! We hope you have all had a good summer break.



### Fox Class teachers:

**Mrs Phillips:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

**Miss Scoins:** Monday – Thursday

**Mrs Rogers:** Thursday & Friday

**Miss Barrable:** Friday

- ❖ Each term you will receive a short newsletter & topic overview outlining what your child will be covering. We will begin with our main topic of **‘Celebrations’**. We encourage the children to develop their own ideas on the topic and with our guidance they will initiate other ideas for activities.
- ❖ We will be using many activities ranging from role-play to problem solving, exploring and investigating, both inside and outside to encourage our children to discover, gain knowledge and become effective and motivated learners.



- ❖ **P.E kits for Reception:** please send into school as soon as possible and we will send it home regularly for washing.
- ❖ Our P.E. day will generally be on a Thursday, alongside other physical development activities during the week.
- ❖ **Please remember to name all of your child’s clothing & shoes!** 😊

### Reading:

- ❖ Thank you to those who have read with your children over the holiday and shared books together. ***Reading with your children is one of the most important ways you can support their learning in the Early Years.*** As a parent/carer it is an expectation that you will hear your child read, or read with them, on a regular basis. It really makes a huge difference if reading regularly takes place at home.
- ❖ Children in *reception* upwards will have a decodable book to practise their phonics skills alongside a ‘book of interest’ to share with you. Please make a note of this in the yellow reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at.

We will always endeavour to be available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in Foxes Class, however big or small. Please also contact us via email.



We are looking forward to a fun-filled term, making new friends and learning together! 😊

Best wishes

*Mrs Phillips   Mrs Rogers   Miss Scoins   Miss Barrable*

# *Foxes Class topic overview – Autumn 2023*

Developing our children's **personal, social and emotional skills** are vital to help them learn, identify and manage their feelings, think about how they can be a good friend and the importance of being kind. We will be focusing on our physical health and mental well-being and types of emotions.

## **Physical Development:**

We will start by exploring different ways of moving safely, developing our balancing skills, building our muscles through building dens and playing parachute games. We will also practice our kicking, throwing and catching skills.

## **Communication and Language:**

Children will develop their listening skills through phonics sessions and by listening to stories, responding and using the vocabulary learnt. They will join in daily songs and rhymes. They will learn to follow instructions.



## *“Celebrations!”*



## **Literacy:**

**Pre-school children** will bring home library books and play games to help with their speaking and listening skills development and begin to develop a love of reading. Children will begin to learn the concept of print.

**Reception children** will follow our *Little Wandle* scheme, learning to read sounds, segment and decode and develop their comprehension skills through guided reading sessions.

## **Maths:**

**Pre-school children** will have the opportunity to develop their love and understanding of number and shape through their play by matching, sorting colours/objects, sorting collections and counting. They will use language such as big and little, small and large to describe a range of objects.

**Following the White Rose scheme Reception children** will match and sort objects; make comparisons – size, mass & capacity and explore patterns. They will develop their number sense to 5 ensuring they can not only count and recognise numerals but more importantly develop a deeper understanding of how numbers are built up of smaller numbers, use the 5 frames, subitise and say what is one more or less than a number.

## **Expressive Arts and Design:**

Children will have lots of opportunity to explore the *construction* toys, developing their imagination and create bridges. They will learn how to *join* materials together so their models are stronger. They will learn about *colour* and use paints on different surfaces to create various effects.

## **Understanding the World:**

Children will learn what it is like in a city compared to Filleigh. They will explore stories to learn different landmarks of London and recognise that we live in England.

Children will have the opportunity to explore types of *materials* and *sounds* to create their own instruments. During our **R.E** topic of ‘Belonging’ children will learn how we are special, recognising that we belong to families, schools and communities. We will also explore how babies are welcomed into the church.

## Books that we will explore to help our learning:

