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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We have another busy term planned and this letter will give you an outline of what to expect over the next 6 weeks. We are joined by a Bath Spa Student Teacher (Miss Seymour) this term and she will be supporting groups of children with their learning, as well as teaching the whole class for some lessons each week.

Our main topic for this term will be 'Our Local Area', which will mainly be focusing on the geography of High Littleton. As part of this, we will be studying maps and aerial photographs of the school and village as well as learning about types of house and land use. We will also be carrying out fieldwork to ask and answer questions about what High Littleton is like as a place. We will be using what we learn about in these lessons as a stimulus for writing to inform through letters, information texts, recounts, setting descriptions and instructions.

Our whole class reading text will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and the children will be using this to practise their decoding and a range of comprehension skills, including retrieval, inference and prediction. In other English sessions, we will continue to have a weekly grammar and punctuation lesson and this term we will be focusing on different types of words, including contractions, conjunctions and pronouns. The children will also study a different spelling pattern or rule each week. **Please note that the children will receive a new list of spellings to learn on a Monday and these words will be tested the following Monday.**

Although the main way of teaching reading in Fox Class is through our weekly whole class reading comprehension lessons and book studies, the children will still have the opportunity to read regularly in a small group or 1:1 with an adult and should bring their book bags to school every day. Reading books will continue to be sent home and changed each week, unless your child is a 'free reader' in which case they are expected to change their own books when needed. **Please continue to support us by reading with your child at home as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) with a small note in their Reading Record.**



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In Maths, we will start the term with some work on money, focusing on recognising coins and notes. We will then move onto our main unit for the term, which is column addition and subtraction. Year 2 children will be working with 2-digit numbers and Year 3 children will be working with 3-digit numbers. At the end of the term, we will return to money and the children will have the opportunity to apply their new addition and subtraction strategies to find totals and work out how much change is needed.

In the wider curriculum, we will be learning about animals in Science, focusing on the similarities and differences between different types of animals. We will also be making animal hand puppets in Design & Technology, to practise our sewing skills. In RE, we will be thinking about what Christians believe relating to Gospel and the teachings of Jesus. Computing will focus on questioning using databases. In Music, we will be learning about pitch through the use of songs about animals and in Art we will be studying famous buildings and using these to develop observational drawing skills. PE this term will be swimming on Thursday afternoons and Circuits on a Tuesday afternoon.

Please note that children **do not** need to bring pencil cases or stationery into school. Year 3 children may bring money for morning tuck shop in a small, named purse or wallet but Year 2 children should continue to bring a fruit snack from home. Please ensure that all property in school is labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers, PE kits, water bottles and fruit pots.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or queries. I will be outside school at the end of most days or you can contact the office to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Evans
Fox Class Teacher



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