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Dear Parents,

Hello! I am Miss Cunningham and I will be teaching Fox Class this year. Sadly, because of social distancing, we will not be able to chat as much at the gates in the mornings and afternoons. However, if you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send me an email or contact the office to arrange a meeting. I hope you have all managed to have a lovely summer and the children are ready for our first term together.

Reading

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 note your child's book change day may have changed and this will be shown on the front of their Reading Record. **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.**

Writing

In our guided reading and Big Write sessions we will be delving into the fantastically silly, yet challenging chapter book, 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' written by Andy Shepard and illustrated by Sara Ogilvie. After reading it myself, I thought it would be a nice first story for us to share together which has a tenuous link to our main topic this term and I am sure that the children will enjoy it as much as I did. In other English lessons, we will be deepening our understanding of the word classes, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, nouns 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.**



"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be starting the term with a recap of prior maths learning to ensure that the children are secure in their fundamental maths skills before moving onto both place value and mental addition & subtraction.

Year 2 children will be learning to; recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones); identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line; compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 and use place value and number facts to solve problems.

Year 3 children will be learning to; recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones); compare and order numbers up to 1000; identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations and solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.

Wider Curriculum

As historians this term, the children will be learning all about 'The Great Fire of London'. This topic will help develop the children's understanding about the ways in which we can find out about the past through discussing primary sources, Samuel Pepys infamous diary being one of these sources. The children will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of the past by comparing and contrasting past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th Century.

As scientists, the children will be learning about materials, building on the children's prior learning. We will also be completing a Design and Technology project by applying what we have learnt about materials to make model fire engines with axles and wheels. In RE, we will be thinking about what Christians believe relating to God and Creation. Computing will focus on online safety and searching and as musicians, the children will be exploring sounds.

We will also have short weekly sessions for PSHE focussing on welcoming the children back to school after experiencing such uncertain times with the Coronavirus pandemic. We will be discussing; belonging and feeling safe in school, ways to reconnect with friends, managing worries, fears and anxiety, being positive and looking forward to learning and gratitude and appreciation.

PE this term will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tuesday's lessons will be Gymnastics sessions and Thursday's lessons will be games and sports skills. We will be outside for some of our Wednesday sessions so please include leggings and jogging bottoms in PE bags this term. **Please ensure long hair is tied back on these days and earrings are able to be removed or covered.**

Reminders

Please note that children do not need to bring pencil cases, stationery or bags (other than book bags) into school. Unfortunately, there will be no tuck shop until further notice, so year 3 children are encouraged to also bring in their own fruit snack for break times. Please ensure that all property in school is labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers, PE kits, water bottles and fruit pots.

Yours sincerely

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