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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to stay dry! This letter will give you an outline of the learning planned for the next 6 weeks. Miss Seymour will be with us for the next 3 weeks, at which point we will be joined by another student teacher, Mr Williams, for the remainder of the academic year.

Our main topic for this term will be 'Australia'. As part of this, we will be locating Australia on different maps, as well as comparing land use in different areas of the country. We will also be learning about weather and climate, with a particular focus on the recent bushfires. Much of our work in English will be linked to this topic as we will be reading 'Stories from the Billabong' in whole class reading and using these to inspire our own stories.

In other English sessions, we will continue to have a weekly grammar and punctuation lesson and this term we will be focusing on different tenses. The children will also continue to 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. From this term, all children will have the opportunity to choose a free reading book as a 'sharing book' to read at home, in addition to their reading scheme books. **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.**

In Maths, we will be learning about fractions, with Year 2 children working out how to find halves, quarters and thirds of shapes, numbers and groups of objects. Year 3 children will also be identifying tenths, as well as non-unit fractions (where the numerator is more than 1) and adding and subtracting fractions.



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In the wider curriculum, we will be learning about habitats in Science, focusing on the similarities and differences between different habitats and how animals are suited to where they live. In RE, we will be thinking about Salvation in the run up to Easter. Computing will focus on using software to create music. In Art, we will be studying aboriginal art and creating journey pictures using symbols and dot painting. In Music, we will be exploring sounds by listening to weather themed music and then creating our own using untuned instruments. PE this term will continue to be **swimming on Thursday afternoons** and fitness themed 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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