



Class 4 Foxes Newsletter Spring 1



Hello and welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break! I can't believe we're already heading into our Spring 1 term. (Although the current weather would say otherwise!) place. I have included as much information as possible on this newsletter but if anything else is added/changed as the term goes on I will be sure to let you know via Class Dojo.

At the beginning of each term, I will upload the new term documents to the class page on the website and to our class story on Dojo, these will include everything that you and your child need to know ready for the upcoming term including:

- Medium term plan which says what we will be covering in each subject
- Newsletter with important dates for the term – this will also be printed out
- Weekly spellings for the term- these will also be printed and put in the children's bags
- Knowledge Organisers for Topic, science, and Computing. These have useful facts and vocabulary on them to help support the children's learning throughout the term.

Topics we will be learning in Spring 1!

In Autumn 2 children will have the opportunity to learn about our main topic which is China. During this topic children will be immersed in the amazing country of China. They will start by exploring China's location and its many diverse physical and human features, before going on to learn about the country's economic growth and the effect this has had on both the people and the land. Finally, they will explore the famous attractions and culture of China, giving children a great overview of what China is like!

For the topics children will be covering in all other subjects please make sure to have a look at the **Medium-Term Plan which is on our class page on the school website and uploaded on Class Dojo.**

PE and Swimming in Class 4

Due to C4 having swimming during the Spring term, we will only be having one PE lesson in school this term. **This will be taught on a Tuesday by Mr Woodhouse therefore the only day children need to come in their PE kit this term is on a Tuesday.** During their PE lesson children will be doing gymnastics. Please be aware that this year we would like children to follow our new PE policy in regards to PE uniform which is a plain white, black, or blue t-shirt, black/blue joggers or shorts and sensible footwear. **No named brands or football shirts please.**

Alongside our Tuesday PE lesson children will be going swimming on a Wednesday afternoon at Alfreton Leisure Centre, this will be led by swimming instructors from the leisure centre and teachers from school. Children will take the coach to Alfreton leisure centre after lunch and will return to school for 3pm.

An information letter will be sent out this week that includes the dates which children will be swimming and information about what to bring/wear, and also a consent form. **Please make sure your child's consent form is returned by Monday 13th January.** Children will need to come into school on Wednesday in uniform but will need to bring their swimming kit with them. Any questions please feel free to ask me!

Reading expectation in school and at home

In school children will take part in a daily whole class guided reading session where adults in the classroom have the opportunity to listen to all children read. At home they will be expected to read at least 3 times a week, but **5 times is the ideal.** It does not always have to be their reading book, it may be a book of their own choice, a comic or even a newspaper. **It would be helpful if reading at home was recorded in their reading record by either the child or an adult.** I am currently in the process of creating new reading records and buying reading packets for all children so these will be handed out by the end of this week.

Once children let me know that they have finished their reading book, they will change it and I will write their new book in their reading record. If your child does finish a book, they can do comprehension activities linking to the book they have read, this might be answering questions on the book, writing a book review, retelling the story etc.

Reading in KS2 is not just about fluency it is also about comprehension and understanding of the text, reading comprehension is something that we will be focussing on a lot this term in Class 4.

We have a huge variety of new books both in our school library and the reading corner in our classroom, my main aim as is to get as many children to love reading as possible, therefore if your child has finished book bands and is a library reader and is not enjoying the book they have chosen they are more than welcome to ask me if they can swap it. I don't want any child to feel like they have to finish a book just because they've chosen it.

Please can I remind you that it is the expectation that children bring their reading packet with the book and reading record into school EVERY day. Last term we had children forgetting their reading packet and they ended up missing out on notices, 1-1 reading with an adult etc.

Every Friday I will check the reading children have done at home, any parent notes that have been written in there and as a class we will also write down their homework, spelling rule and times table for the following week.

Homework in Class 4

If children lose their username and password for an online scheme, please email me and I will resend it to you. There is an expectation that your child logs onto **TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home.**

Homework will be completed online using the platforms **SumDog or Spelling Shed.** Sumdog is an online maths programme linking to the work we are doing in our maths lessons and Spelling shed links to the children's weekly spellings. Homework will not be set every week but when it is I will write it in your child's reading record and also put a message on class dojo.

Each term children will also be asked to complete a homework project relating to the topic that we are learning in class. Our topic for Spring 1 is China therefore I would like children to choose something that interests them about this topic and produce a piece of work around this. Their work could take any form. It could be a PowerPoint presentation, a piece of writing, a combination of typed up research and hand-drawn pictures, they might like to do some artwork or produce a model, write a story, song, or poem. Children can complete their piece of topic homework at any point during our Spring 1 term and they are more than welcome to bring it into school to show the rest of the class and if possible, have it added to our topic display. However, if you would prefer to email your child's topic homework to me then that is absolutely fine too! I can then print a picture of it out for display.

Class Dojo

As you may be aware from last half term we have now set up Class Dojo. Lots of parents are connected to our class page which is fantastic to see! Children will be given dojo points linking to our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe. You can also communicate to with me via message on the app too. All of our beginning of term documents will also be uploaded to our class page as well as a Friday round up message. **Please can I remind parents that class dojo is not to be used to let school know about absences or appointments as the messaging system is not always checked during the school day so can any absences or appointments please go through the school office.**

Other useful information

- Mrs Pepper will teach the children for my PPA on a Thursday afternoon
- Mrs Pepper will be helping out in Class 4 every morning alongside Di.
- **Every Friday** children will have a weekly spelling test and TT Rockstars test. Children have been given their weekly spellings for the term and the times table they need to practice for TT Rockstars is on the math's section of the medium-term plan. I will send a text message home every Friday letting you know your child's spelling score.
- On the South Wingfield website, we have a class page. At the beginning of term, I will upload all the term documents to this page! If you would like to have a look at these, you can find out class page under. Children- Class pages- Class 4 Foxes.

Diary Dates

Please go onto the school website and look at the whole school newsletter or calendar for any important dates this term. You can find both of these under the parents tab. If there are any important dates relating to our class, I will also add these to our newsletter.

10/01/25- Young Voices
16/01/25- Whole School Panto
31/01/25- Gladiator visiting school!
03/02/25- Police Visit regarding road safety
11/02/25- Safer internet day

If you have any questions regarding anything discussed in this newsletter, please feel free to drop me an email or message me on Class dojo.
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I will respond to your query as soon as possible. However, I am teaching on arrival at school and throughout the day. If you email after 6pm, the message may not be seen until the next day. Therefore, if you need an urgent response, please phone the school office on 01773 832890

Kind Regards
Miss Wareham

