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Welcome to our New Foxes Class!

We hope you are looking forward to a great summer, getting out and about in the sunshine! We're looking forward to our new school term in September. Here is some information for you about our new school year.

Mrs Riddell will be teaching in Foxes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Simm will be teaching on Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday mornings we will be sharing the teaching.

Learning in Foxes

Each day will start promptly at 8.40 (please note registration will close at 8.50am and doors will open at 8.40am for those not at breakfast club). Breakfast Club will start at 8am as usual. English and Maths will be taught each morning and, in the afternoon, we will be focusing on our topic work, which will incorporate all subject areas as outlined in the National Curriculum. An overview of the topics will be on our class page of the school website in September.

Our first topic will be "Chocolate!". To begin with, we are going to read "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" as a class in our reading workshop sessions. If possible, we'd like every child to have their own copy of the book, any edition will be fine. It is available from bookshops, Amazon and other online book websites as well as some supermarkets. You can often pick up a copy in charity bookshops too. We also have some copies in school if needed. Your child does not need to read this over the summer, we'd like to enjoy it as a class in September!

In science we'll be looking at solids, liquids and gases and in geography we'll be looking at our local area and where Blackburn is in the UK. In history, we'll be finding out all about the changes that happened in Lancashire during the Industrial Revolution and in art we'll be exploring the paintings of Lowry.

It's essential that your child keeps reading over the summer holidays. Please encourage them to read anything and everything! Blackburn Library is taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>) and Lancashire libraries have their own reading trail for the children to take part in based around the local area. We can't wait to find out their favourite summer read when they return to school in September!

What to bring into school in September

In September, your child can bring in their own pencil case if they wish (the smaller see through ones are the best) with pencils, coloured pencils, a rubber, pencil sharpener,

ruler, scissors and a Pritt stick type glue. All these should be practical and not gimmicky toys to avoid distractions. The pencil case needs to fit in their drawer. They need to bring their things to school in a red school book bag which will come home each evening with their reading books inside.

Our class will be doing P.E. on Wednesday and Thursday. Your child will need to have their trainers in school every day so they can join in with sports clubs. If they have a new PE kit, they can wear it to school on Wednesday and Thursday otherwise their PE kit should be in school every day. This must be in a drawstring bag to fit in our cloakroom, no rucksacks or other bags please.

Please ensure all their clothes are named, especially jumpers and cardigans. They need to bring a named plastic water bottle into school every day that they can open and refill. School bottles are the best and are available from the school office. Please do not send in water bottles that have open straws as this causes spillages and no single use plastic bottles please.

In Foxes, we love being outside no matter what the weather so please send your child into school with a waterproof coat every day and suitable footwear. We'd like every child to have a pair of wellies in school. If you don't have any wellies, we'll be opening our welly sale in the first few weeks of September as we have a lot of spare wellies already in school!

It is important that the children are as independent as possible. To prepare for September, please support us at home in any way you can, such as giving your child the responsibility of getting his or her own things ready and carrying their own things when they're out and about.

Keep an eye on our website! Copies of our timetable and overviews of the topics we are covering, as well as news about the activities we have taken part in, will be on there. We love sharing our news so make sure you read our school weekly newsletter!

If you have any questions about anything in this letter, or if there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, please contact us on the email below.

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

Thank you,

Mrs Riddell and Mrs Simm

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