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Hello from Fox Class!

What a great start to term! The children have settled in well and we've made a good start to our learning. The children in Year 3 have been getting use to the new routines. We're all really looking forward to the year ahead with lots of visits, trips and fun activities planned.

This year, rather than our meet the teacher evening, we are holding a parents' evening in October. We therefore wanted to update you on the homework that will be coming home and how you can support your child.

Reading

Every child should now be bringing home 2 or 3 books. They don't need to read all of them in an evening. The extra books are in case they have finished one and not had a chance to change them. They will complete quizzes in school on each book they have finished.

Your child will have a number range in the front of their reading record book, for example 2.5 – 3.9. This tells them which box to choose from in class so that the books are accessible for them to enjoy. These are updated every term. Their library book can be their own choice. Even though we have a number system, we always say these are a guide. The most important thing is to enjoy reading!

Please listen to your child read every evening or, if they read by themselves, it's very important you talk about their books with them. For example, ask them about what's happened, who's their favourite character, what do they think will happen next and in non fiction what facts have they learnt. Either yourselves or your child can fill in their reading record books. These will be checked each week.

Please read to your child too and share that love of reading! If you or your child need any recommendations for books, please ask us. We love sharing our favourite reads!

Reading Homework

A homework book is coming home each week on Wednesdays and should be handed in by Tuesday the following week. The book has a choice board in it. For homework, your child needs to complete **one** of the reading activities each week. You can do them in any order. They are fun to do and could be based on any book. Please talk to your child about the book, share ideas and guide them as they work. The children are always very proud of the beautiful work they produce in these books.

Spellings

The children's spellings are on Edshed each week. The new spellings are there from Saturday and the test is the following Friday. Please encourage them to log on and practice their words. Their log in for EdShed is in the front of their reading record book.

Maths

We have just subscribed to a new maths website for homework, maths.co.uk. The log in is in the front of their reading record books. You might find your child brings a maths sheet home or we ask them to log in and complete their homework online each week. This will be set on Thursday or Friday and needs to be completed by Wednesday.

Times Table Rockstars

Every child has a log in for Times Table Rockstars in the front of their reading record books. It's essential that they go on regularly and play. It's a great way to practice their tables. By the end of Year 3, they should know x2, x5, x10, x3, x4 and x8 and the corresponding divisions. By the end of year 4, they need to know all of their tables up to 12x12 and the corresponding divisions as they have the government Multiplication Tables Check to complete.

Just a reminder . . .

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 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 over the next few weeks as we have a lot of spare wellies already in school!

Keep an eye on our website! Copies of our overviews for 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 newsletters.

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.

Thank you,

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