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# Fox Class Term 2 Learning Overview

## Important information

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you had an enjoyable half term and the children are feeling ready to work hard in the run up to Christmas!

We have a very busy term coming up. Mr. Martin, our sports coach, will be coming in on **Monday mornings** to teach the children PE. Please make sure that children have their **full PE kit** in school on this day.

**Forest School** will now take place on **Wednesday afternoons**, so **children must bring their Forest School clothes to school to change into**. These should consist of: long trousers or tracksuit bottoms (not jeans), a long-sleeved shirt, a jumper or sweatshirt, plenty of socks, wellies or walking boots, a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, and a hat and gloves for when the weather is cold.

Fox Class will also be going to **Sevenoaks School on Thursday afternoons** to enjoy some computer science lessons.

If you do have any questions, please do come and see me. We hope the children have a fantastic term!

Miss Cleary

## English

In readers workshop, we will be reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Children will follow the characters on their explorations through the jungle, investigating the author's language choices; inferring thoughts, motivations and feelings; and studying the changes they observe in each character. In English, we will be reading 'Percy Jackson, the Lightning Thief'. Children will go on an adventure through the discovery of a sword, tied to which is an ancient-looking scroll, to writing an ode, exploring character and setting development, and then writing their own version of a narrative chapter. Following Reading for Research into Greek Gods, the children will complete the sequence by writing an extended narrative in role as an invented demi-god.

## Maths

In maths, we will be looking at fractions this term. Children will recognise and find equivalent fractions, convert improper fractions and mixed numbers, compare and order fractions, and add and subtract any two fractions and mixed numbers. Children will then look at multiplication and division. They will understand how to multiply a 4 digit number by a 2 digit number, understand how to complete short division and divide a 4 digit number by a 1 digit number.

## Ways to support your child at home.

Although your children are now in Upper KS2, they will still benefit from being read to by an adult at night. It's a beautiful way to spend time with your child, and research has shown that children cherish this one-on-one time with their grown up.

Here are some links to some useful websites that we use at school:

Accelerated Reader: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6713358>

TT Rock Stars: <https://trockstars.com>

Lexia: <https://www.lexiacore5.com>

## The Wider Curriculum

In science we will be learning about circuits, batteries and switches. Children will develop their knowledge of circuits, the effects of changing voltage and how switches contribute to different devices.

In R.E, we will be answering the question 'What kind of king is Jesus?'. Children will find out about parables from the Bible and learn about different ways that Christians may interpret these texts. They will also spend time discussing what the parables that Jesus told might mean for Christians today and how they may impact how Christians live.

In history, we will be focusing on the question 'Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?' Children will explain where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain, find evidence and make inferences from sources, name Viking trade routes and explain why trade routes were important to the Vikings.

The children will be learning about structures in DT, focusing on bridges. They will identify beam, arch and truss bridges and describe their differences, recognising that supporting shapes can help increase the strength of a bridge, allowing it to hold more weight and identify stronger and weaker shapes.

In French, children will be learning how to describe in French. They will identify a person correctly from a description of their hair and eye colour, compose a spoken sentence to describe a friend and understand that adjectives change depending on whether they are describing a boy or girl.