

# Fox Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022



**Welcome back, Fox Class! I hope you have all had a restful summer. The last six weeks have flown by and we are now preparing to begin a new school year. It is one that is sure to be filled with lots of exciting opportunities and fantastic memories for the children as they enter their final year with us at Bethersden.**

## Our Learning this Term:

In Maths, we will start the year with work on Place Value, learning to recognise, order and compare numbers to 10 million. We will then spend some time revising written methods for the four operations, as well as learning a new method for long division. A secure times tables knowledge will be essential here, so please continue to practise these whenever you can!

The structure of our English lessons will change slightly, as we move towards the explicit teaching of reading being incorporated into our English curriculum. This will result in some English lessons developing VIPERS reading skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary) across a variety of text genres.

As a school, we have moved to using the Cornerstones curriculum to supplement our wider learning lessons. For Fox Class, this will involve them revisiting their learning on World War Two as part of our 'Britain at War' topic. Here we will learn about the causes of the first and second world war as well as significant battles and events. We will also develop our understanding of what life was like on the Home Front during these times and the significant role that the people who remained in Britain played.

In Science, we will be learning about light. This will include learning about how light travels, the way in which we see and how shadows are created. Our second Science topic of the term looks at Evolution and Inheritance – an interesting biology-based unit that teaches about Darwin's theory and the way in which animals and plants have evolved over time.

This academic year will see the return of Home Learning. This will be set on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday. All Home Learning will be set on Google Classroom. The tasks set will focus around our wider learning topics and will therefore require a range of skills across the term.

**Class Teacher: Miss Altaya Bennett**

**Learning Support Assistant: Miss Victoria Webb**

## **Autumn Term Dates:**

Start of Term 1: Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September

Kent Test: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
September

Josh's Story – 'Need to Know'  
resilience training: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October

Individual Photos: 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>  
October

End of Term 1: Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October

Start of Term 2: Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October

Flu vaccinations: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December

End of Term 2: Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December

## **REMINDERS**

**Home Learning:** Please continue to read regularly at home and log this in your Contact Book. You also have online access to TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

**PE Kit:** Please bring your PE kit into school at the beginning of term, it can then be stored in your locker ready for PE lessons.

**Water Bottles:** Please bring a water bottle to school every day.