

Year Five, Autumn 1 Term 2026, Newsletter One

Welcome to Year Five and Foxes Class! We hope you had a lovely summer break. Please find below information about the learning we will undertake this half term as well as some reminders. Please keep your eyes on our website and social media for pictures, news and last-minute announcements.

Reading

Our reading book this half term is **Shackleton's Journey**. It is a beautifully illustrated book telling the true story of how Shackleton and his companions endured the hardships they faced, and ultimately managed to survive their perilous adventure. We will be reading together out loud to practise expression, making predictions, answering comprehension questions and summarise.

Writing

In writing, we will in the first weeks of term focus on formal letters of application and extend our knowledge of formal language, persuasive writing and the structure of a formal letter. Next, we look at third person stories set in another culture focusing on direct speech and using relative clauses. Finally, we will learn about poems which explore form and write our own poetry which fulfils specific criteria.

Maths

We are starting with the topic of Place Value. First, we expand our knowledge of Roman numerals to 1000. Then we learn about numbers to 1,000,000 including to read and write them. We partition, use number lines and compare and order numbers. In the topic of Addition, Subtraction we use mental strategies, rounding to help us eventually solve multi step problems. In Multiplication and Division, we learn about multiples, factors as well as prime, square and cube numbers. We multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Science

Evolution and Inheritance

We will be studying patterns in humans and other species, identifying characteristics that are inherited and those that are environmental, with reference to Darwin and Wallace.

Geography

Why Does Population Change?

We will be investigating why certain parts of the world are more populated than others; exploring birth and death rates; discussing social, economic and environmental push and pull factors; learning about the population in Britain.

Design and Technology

Mechanical Systems: Automata Toys

Developing a functional automata window display

Art and Design

Painting and Mixed Media Artist Study

We will be exploring a selection of paintings through art appreciation activities.

PE

Striking and Fielding - Outdoor PE
Cricket

Street Art – Indoor PE will be exploring dance.

RE

Jesus is God incarnate

How do Christians believe that Jesus is God incarnate?

PSHE

My healthy self: How can I support my mind and body as I grow?

Everyday choices can support physical and emotional wellbeing by exploring nutrition, physical activity and self-regulation

Computing

Introduction to Python

We will be learning the fundamentals of the programming language of Python, and will test, change and explain what their program does.

Reminders

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure correct uniform.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and should be returned on **Wednesday**.

