

# Fox Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1 Term

### English:

We will be reading *Rabbit and Bear* by Julian Gough this half term. Our focus will be on research into bears and learning how to write fact files as well as learning how to make predictions and make inferences about the text. We will also look at diary entries, writing persuasively and character comparisons. In addition to this, Year 2 Grammar will be taught each week and then woven into daily lessons.

### Maths:

During the Autumn term, the focus is Place Value and understanding numbers up to 100. We will verbally practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's every day as well as use Rekenreks and learn mantras to help the children's understanding of number.

### Science:

Our topic in Science is Living things and their Habitats. Here, we look at a variety of animals and insects and find out what it is that they require to thrive in their habitat in various places around the country and around the world.

### Topic:

We are discovering about the life and works of Mary Anning in History and all about fossils. We will look at what fossils are, how they were formed and are hoping to have *Fossils Galore* visit so that the children can handle real fossils in order to offer them a fantastic experience.

### Reading:

All children will be sent home with a 'Sharing Book' this year. The purpose of this is for you to share with your child and read to them to encourage their love of reading. These books will be changed weekly.

Your child's reading book will be a banded book or an Accelerated Reader book. I hope that all children will move to Accelerated Reader in Year 2, when they are ready.

### Spellings:

The children are now being taught spellings and spelling patterns through a scheme called No Nonsense Spellings. Their weekly spellings are generated from this and will be sent home every Wednesday for a test the following week. Please support your child to practice their spellings as it makes a huge amount of difference to their writing.

### Snack and Water:

Please continue to provide a named water bottle each day and fill it with water.

A fresh fruit snack is provided daily but if you prefer to provide your own, please only send your child in with a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Please do come and see me if I can help you in any way or you can always email me.

Best wishes

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