

Foxes Class

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the first term in **Foxes Class!**

The teachers in year 4 are **Mr Geake, Mr Hirst, Mrs Parnaby** and **Mrs Mawson**.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Our Christian values this term are: 

respect and
kindness

What are we learning:

In **English**, we will start with writing an informal letter about an (imaginary) holiday, before moving into our WW1 topic where we will develop our descriptive writing for story-telling.



In **maths**, we will be looking at place value (e.g. thousands, hundreds, tens and ones) and moving on to addition and subtraction. Also, we will be practising our times tables daily in preparation for the year 4 times table check at the end of the year.



In **science**, we are looking at states of matter - solids, liquids and gasses - and how they behave.



In **history**, we will be looking at World War 1 - how it started, and the effects it had.



In **art**, the children will study light and skies.

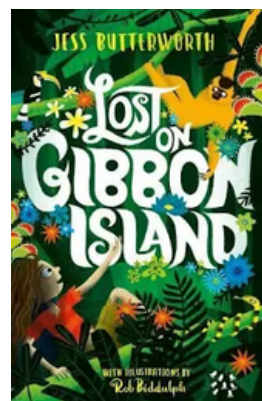


In **RE**, the children will be asking why some people believe in God.



What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading **Lost on Gibbon Island** by Jess Butterworth



We will also be reading a range of picture books, poetry and non-fiction texts linked to our history, science and writing topics.

Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on **EdShed**. This will be set each Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.



- Complete 20 minutes per week on **TTRockstars** (practising all timestables.)



- To **read each day**, either their school book or a book of their choice.



There will be TTRockstars club on Thursday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Thursday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps at home that week. We also have sheets in the classroom for those who have trouble accessing for that week. If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Links and areas to support current learning.

Maths

Each half term we have a key instant recall fact that we will focus on. For this half-term it will be:

- count in multiples of 1000 and multiples of 25.

English

We will be looking at how to construct good quality sentences. This will include using compound sentences and subordinating clauses, as well as poetic language such as metaphors and similes. Here is a website with some subject knowledge to support at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbvqkty#zywrwsg>

Upcoming dates



- Thursday 24th September - individual photos
- Friday 23rd October - Training day
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - half term holiday

PE and Music



PE will be on **Monday and Wednesday** this term, so children will need to be in their kit that day. Also please can any ear piercings be removed beforehand, otherwise they won't be able to take part. They will do **fitness** and **basketball**.

Music will be on **Wednesday** mornings, so they will need to bring their **ukueles** in each Wednesday.



Timestables are a big focus in Year 4 and the children will be practising daily at school and have regular time on TTRockstars. Children are asked to spend time at home, practising these too. We will have a TTRockstar of the week for children who work extremely hard.