



Foxglove Class – Term 3

Merry Christmas. Next term we welcome Mrs Grainger to Foxglove Class.

In English, we will use the magical book *Wisp* by Zana Fraillon to inspire our writing, creating an alternative chapter and writing recounts to inform. We will continue to join our handwriting with Year 5 now all using pens. Our spelling lessons will be year-specific in the afternoons.

Maths sees our second Multiplication and Division topic so please encourage ALL your children to be on TT Rockstars each evening and please support them with their tables learning at home. All this times tables work will then stand us in good stead for Fractions later in the term.

In Science, Year 4 will learn about Forces: magnetism, states of matter and the water cycle. Year 5 will look at Evolution and Inheritance (not the Forces they did last term!) including animal adaptations, classification of living things and fossils!

Both year groups will consider Dream and Goal in PSHE, using computing to Create Media and enjoy Singing Games in their music lessons. We will all have DT this term: Year 4 will look at bridge construction and Year 5 mechanics.

In Geography, our Extreme Earth topic will focus on earthquakes and volcanoes for Y4 whilst Year 5 are In the Zone – looking at biomes and climate zones.

French for Year 4 will cover classroom vocabulary whilst Year 5 will learn different shops, position and direction in Spanish.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday for Year 4, Gymnastics and Basketball and Tuesday and for Year 5, Netball and Gymnastics. The PE kits is part of school uniform; please ensure your child has indoor and outdoor PE kit for every lesson. Please, please also label **every** item!

Homework

Maths: Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (Staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). They are also expected to complete their TT Rockstars session (15 mins per week) OR Doodle Tables (Target stars).

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays.

Spellings: Children are required to complete their weekly spellings – 3 different ways, including 1 of these being the words written in context. This is checked on Mondays. Homework is monitored and children will be required to complete in school as necessary.

If you have any queries or concerns, please find Ms Gentle or Mrs Grainger on the playground or email us on enquiries@themeadowsprimaryschool.org.uk.