

## Sharing Learning at Home

At the beginning of this term, we will be enjoying getting to know our new friends and teachers, to build strong and secure relationships. The children will be encouraged to explore and become familiar with the environment and different learning opportunities. We will be learning our new class routines, songs and actions to help the children understand instructions.

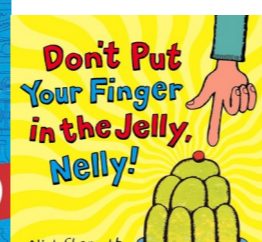
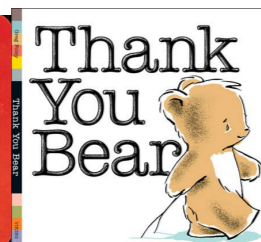
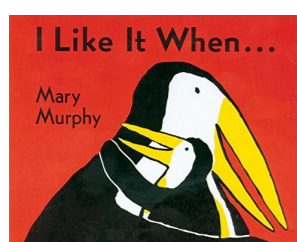
Our Curriculum Theme for the first half of the Autumn Term is 'Home sweet home'. We are exploring different homes around the world in Geography and how they are adapted to their environment. In Science, we will be learning about the properties of materials to make model houses. At home, can you use a range of art materials to represent homes or even try some junk modelling? In Art, we will be considering shape and colour, and concentrating on manipulating tools. In Music, we will be experimenting with loud and quiet sounds, both musical and using our bodies as well as voices.

After half term our Unit is 'Food and drink'. In science, we will be learning about what animals eat and simple food chains. We will be exploring 'Food at special events' in History—maybe you could enjoy cooking a favourite recipe with your child at home and send us a photo?

We will also be getting ready for our Christmas show after half term and will be exploring drama and music through our performance. In RE, we will be considering what the Christmas story tells Christians about Jesus.

Please continue to share any photos of things you have done or news you may have and also to read with the books sent home each week.

## Some of our books this term...



### Communication

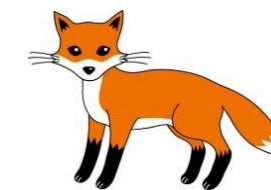
Developing functional communication is really important for our pupils.

Please continue to model communication by using your child's PODD book and use it throughout the day in a range of situations using sentences rather than just keywords/nouns.

### Thinking Skills

Each half term, we will be practising a 'thinking skill' which we hope will help the children to learn how to learn. Why not use these thinking skills at home with your child too? Our thinking skill for the first half term is "Playing Together" - taking turns, sharing and having fun! After half term, we are talking about "Exploring", through play and stories.

## Foxes Class Newsletter Autumn 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so wonderful to see the children back in school! We have enjoyed getting to know each other and our new environment. We hope you find the following information useful.

**Staff:** Dora -Class Teacher, Josie -CA, Louise Finch SNCA, Hannah SNCA and Rhiannon SNCA

**Children:** Kaden, Daniel, Freya, Caspar, Jayan, Joshua, Elsie, Noah and Halle

**Swimming :** Thursdays

**PE:** Tuesdays

**Snack times :** There is a morning snack time, when children are offered fruit and water. This is a time that they are also working on developing their communication, eating, drinking and social skills. Please feel free to send in any particular snacks that your child likes. Please note we are a **nut free school**.

**Spare clothing and carrier bags:**

Please make sure that your child has a spare set of clothing (named) in their bag each day. It would be helpful if you could provide a re-usable bag for us to return dirty clothes in.

**Please come and talk to us if you have particular worries or concerns about your child. We may not always have an answer but we will do our best to help address it.**

Dora and the Foxes class team.

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### Dates - Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – Half-term Holiday**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**INSET Day**

School re-opens 9.15am

Meet the Teacher

FOW AGM

Harvest Festival assembly

Day off in lieu of Twilight INSET

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School re-opens

FOW Christmas Fair

Singing Hands Christmas Party

Break-up for Christmas Holiday - 1pm