Foxes and Deer's Class Newsletter
Autumn 2- 2026





Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun and restful break!



Topic



Our topic this half term is animals.

In geography we will explore different animal habitats and animals around the world, beginning to touch on different climates.
In science we will look at animals from the past and explore how the relationship between animals and humans have differed and evolved over time.
In science we will consider what animals need to grow and survive and work towards understanding some animal classifications.

At home you could:

- Take a trip to a local farm
- Work together to look after any pets, carefully considering what they need
- Create a bug hotel or bird house

English



We will continue our topic of animals through our English with a focus on poetry and rhyming.
Our focus texts come from the Oi frog and friend series of rhyming books and later in the term we will look at some more traditional poetry books also.

Over the term we will focus on building our fine motor and writing skills. We will be generating our own rhymes, working towards creating a class poetry book.

We will also continue to develop our reading skills. Working on enjoying a story with an adult, reading aloud, answering questions about a text and identifying rhyming words.

At home you could:

- Share a story and practice answering comprehension questions
- Practice generating rhyming words back and forth

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is handling data.

We will focus on using comparative language such as more/less, greater than/fewer than. We will work towards carrying out or own surveys and practice plotting this data.
We will also be carrying out number work, ordering and doubling numbers.

At home you could:

- Listen to a counting song
- Use objects around the house to make comparisons, finding groups of more/less
- Practice creating a tally of animals you see while out and about

General information

Hopefully you have received the information about Tapestry. This is an exciting way for us to share your child's learning from school and for you to share what they do at home. Please bear with us while we get it up and running this half term. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Olivia or Steve and we will do our best to support you.

This half term, on Monday mornings we will continue to share our weekend adventures. We will also work our speaking and listening targets as part of our English and Communication lessons.
Please send a photo with your class teacher, that can be shared with the class and support your child to talk about their weekend.
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Thank you

At school we can supply snacks, including – fruit and breadsticks. If you know your child would like anything different, then please feel free to send in an extra snack for them. Also, please can you send in a drinking bottle if you haven't already. If your child will not drink water, you can provide a bottle of squash to have in school.
We now eat lunch in the hall at 12:15pm

PE



Foxes and Deer class will have PE on Tuesdays, please send a named PE kit to school - t-shirt, shorts and trainers.

Foxes will be going off site to Portsmouth school of gymnastics every Wednesday 10:15-11am.
Deer class will be going to on Fridays at 10:15 – 11am.

Important Dates

- Wednesday 11th & 12th November – parents' evenings
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need
- Friday 20th November – Light walk.
- Friday 18th December – last day of term.

Please remember:

We will be participating in a lot of outdoor learning sessions this term and as the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure children have appropriate coats.

Wellies may be left in a name labelled bag if you choose.