18th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I have been extremely impressed with how quickly your children have settled in to our busy, but wonderful, class; they have already produced some fantastic work that they should be very proud of.

Enquiries
As you may be aware, this year we have changed the way we teach foundation subjects across the school. This half-term, years 5 and 6 will be exploring the circulatory system and life saving inventions in our: ‘How are lives saved?’ enquiry. Year 4 will join year 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to work on their enquiry question which, for this half-term, is: ‘What is sound?’

Staff
The children will be taught by myself Monday to Friday with help from our wonderful teaching assistants: Mrs Irving and Mrs Andrews.

PE
This half-term our PE sessions are Monday afternoons, where we will play Kinball, and Friday mornings where we will be taught Tag Rugby by our external sports coaches. Please ensure that the children have suitable school PE kit, that long hair is tied back and that earrings are either removed or, if they cannot be removed, covered with tape.

Homework
New homework will be given out on a Friday and expected to be returned completed the following Friday. Homework will consist of spellings to learn, which will be tested on Friday afternoon, and a Maths or English activity. It is also expected that all children, particularly year 4, regularly practise their times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant, engaging way for them to practise on a device at home. If your child is unsure of their password and pin for TTRS please let me know.

Reading
Please continue to listen to your child read at home as often as you can, encouraging them to experience a broad range of texts such as: information books, poetry, newspapers, magazines and online information as well as stories. Listening to your child read will not only help their reading and comprehension skills but also their vocabulary and writing

across the curriculum. Children should be heard read aloud at least three times a week and this should be recorded in their reading record (year 4s).

I am very much looking forward to getting to know your children further and taking them on their learning journey this year.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please reach out to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

Foxes Class Teacher