



Witchampton CofE First School

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Foxes Home Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of an exciting Autumn term in Foxes! The children have settled so well in this past week and it has been so lovely to hear about their summer holidays, see them helping each other out, being super role models to the rest of the school including being great buddies to the new Hedgehogs. Thank you to those who came to the Meet the Teacher presentation yesterday: slides and class timetable will be available shortly on the Foxes webpage and topic leaflets will be coming to you on Friday.

Reading

Your child will have brought home a Reading Record and a reading book today. This year, we would like the children to write in their record every book they have read once they have finished reading it. It will be like a reading journal where they can rate their book and write a mini book review about it on some of the pages. We have a range of awards available to them to encourage the children to read - and enjoy doing so - and we will be encouraging the children to choose books at a level that is appropriate for them to count towards these awards. Some children are happier reading to a grown up and others are happy reading to themselves, which is great. Ideally the children should be reading at least 10 minutes every day.

To encourage reading for enjoyment, we are reading a class text on a daily basis as well as in our English and Topic lessons but would also like the children to bring their reading book to school each day so they can spend some time reading in class too. We will be asking children to share their book reviews in their records regularly with each other and hopefully recommend a few of our school books to each other too! The library will be open too for the children to use also. Children can change their books each morning at the start of the school day.

Maths

Inside the front cover of the Reading Record is your child's log ons for Times Tables Rock Stars and for Mathletics. The children will be accessing TT Rock Stars each day at school and we are encouraging the children to have a go on this at the weekend - or evenings - as well if you have access to the internet. It takes just 5 minutes. The system is a progressive one so is personalised to your child's knowledge and speed, starting with the 10 times tables. We will have a Hall of Fame

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as the children build up their lifetime coins as Rock Stars - they are very excited!
Please encourage your children to practise when they can.

If you have any questions about either of these or about anything else, please do get in touch via Mrs Middlebrook in the office or by talking to myself or one of the staff team.

Warm wishes
Mrs Anneka Green

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