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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring term and another exciting term of learning. This letter contains some useful information about the expected learning in Foxes, Rabbits and Dragonflies this term. Firstly, to remind you of the team:

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching assistant(s)
Foxes 	Mrs Walsh (Mon – Wed) Miss Birkinshaw (Thurs – Fri)	Mrs Sillett Mrs Fearvearyear Ms Keen Mrs Godbold Mrs Hines
Rabbits 	Miss Baker (Mon – Fri)	
Dragonflies 	Mrs Drury (Mon, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Beaird (Tues – Wed)	

Maths	Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter, Fractions, Decimals and Mass and Capacity
English	Narrative – The Blue Umbrella, Letter – The Gardener, Narrative – The Green Ship
History	What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?
Geography	Are all settlements the same?
Computing	Systems & Networks – A journey inside a computer Systems & Networks – Collaborative learning
PE	Ball skills, Hockey, Fitness, Yoga, Dance, Swimming (Year 4)
Science	Energy: Sound and Vibrations Living things: Classification and changing habitats
Art and DT	Mechanical Systems: Making a slingshot car Craft and Design: Ancient Egyptian Scrolls
Music	Instrumental – Musical compositions

RE	What makes some texts sacred
French	Colours, shapes and sizes. Playground games, numbers and age.
PSHE	Health and wellbeing. Safety and the changing body

Reading

Reading will take place each day with whole class or group work based on a book, as well as time for personal, quiet reading and shared reading. Books will be sent home regularly and we ask that children read with an adult at least three times a week.

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Friday, published on Class Dojo and tested on the following Friday. We recommend the children use the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check method for learning their words.

Times tables

Don't forget to check your child's red book to see their progress with the times table challenge and which times table they need to practise next. They can use Times Table Rock Stars and Sum Dog to practise online.

P.E.

Children are timetabled to have an indoor and outdoor PE lesson each week, but please ensure they have their kits in school each day so it is available if there is a change in timetable or a special activity. They need a white T-shirt and black shorts for indoor sessions and when the weather is warm. They will also need a pair of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt since P.E. lessons will continue throughout the winter. Two pairs of trainers are needed so they have a clean pair to wear in the hall and a pair that can get muddy outside. A carrier bag is also advisable to put the muddy shoes in.

Swimming

Year 4 children will go swimming. Classes will take it in turns to go through the year in order that groups are smaller. The children will need to come into school with their swimming costume on underneath their uniform, and with a bag with towel, underwear and swim hat. Goggles are optional. Girls need to wear a one-piece costume, boys are asked to wear tight-fitting shorts. Long hair should be tied up and no earrings or jewellery are allowed.

Please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Katharine Walsh, Sarah Drury, Charlotte Birkinshaw and Donna Baker