



Be the BEST You Can Be

# Foxes Class Newsletter

## Term 2

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23*

### WELL DONE!

I wanted to take a moment to share how impressed we've been with the class this half term. It has been fantastic and the children have learned a great deal about the Vikings. They have risen to the challenge of Year 5 and demonstrated enthusiasm for learning. The next term promises to be busy, with lots of exciting activities happening not just in our class, but across the school. I am sure that Foxes will continue to shine!



### We are learning:

Our Topic: Amazing Americas

In Geography, we will explore the physical and human geography of North and South America, including different climates and biomes. We will also read the story 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, using it as inspiration for writing letters and diary entries.



In English, we will study The Teacher Pleaser Machine and use it as a model to create our own explanation texts. Additionally, we will analyse narratives and explore what makes a story engaging, focusing on The Box to inspire our own action stories.

In Maths, we will delve into multiplication, division, and fractions. Students will learn and practise multiplication and division strategies, including the use of arrays and long division. We will also explore the relationships between fractions, including equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators, and understanding how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In Science, our focus will be on the properties and changes of matter. We will investigate various materials and their properties, such as solids, liquids, and gases. The curriculum will cover reversible changes (like melting and freezing) and irreversible changes (like baking a cake or rusting).

In RE, we will address the enquiry question, "Was Jesus the Messiah?" This will encourage respect and inquisitiveness as students explore their beliefs. Our school value this term is compassion, and we will frequently discuss this in our worship sessions. I have been impressed with how well the class has demonstrated our school values.

In PSHE, we will celebrate differences and learn about the unique qualities that make us who we are.

In French, we will learn vocabulary related to the months of the year and the days of the week, working towards the key question, "What is the date?"

In DT, we will celebrate culture and seasonality by exploring and evaluating elements of Mexican cuisine. Students will plan and produce their own Mexican-inspired dishes.

In PE, we will focus on dance, working individually and in pairs to create a sequence of movements. **Our regular PE day will be Thursdays with Mr Pile.** Please ensure your child comes in PE kit on this day.

In Computing, we will continue our coding learning and then develop our use of spreadsheets, including the basics of Excel.

## Reading:

Children have made good progress in AR since the start of the term; however, we need to see them reading more frequently at home. I strongly encourage all children to have time to read daily, either independently or with an adult. Please ensure that this is recorded in their reading record, even if the child writes it and you sign it. The reading record should be signed at least five times a week.

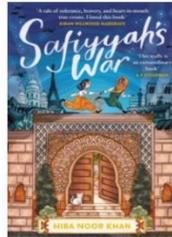
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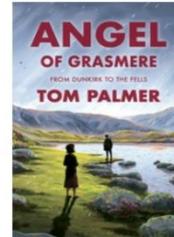
The Final Year



Impossible Creatures



Safiyah's War



Angel of Grasmere



The Clockwork

## Useful Information

### Homework

Each week, your child will be assigned a piece of Maths and English homework on Friday, which should be returned by the following Thursday. Additionally, children will receive a project piece of homework to work on throughout the term, due in the last week of term. This term it will be focused around 'Amazing Americas' – our Geography topic.

### Spellings

Spellings will be sent home with homework on a Friday and will be tested the following Thursday. Children will have opportunities to review their spellings throughout the week, so please ensure they are practising at home as well.

### Times Tables

As we progress through Year 5, it is important for us to be quick with our multiplications. To support this, we will be reviewing these in class regularly. Regular revision at home would greatly benefit the children, and this can be done using TTRS. All children have their logins in their reading records. Other websites which are useful are: Purple Mash, Hit the Button and BBC Bitesize.

## ...and finally

If you have any questions please message me on dojo or email me: [golden@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk](mailto:golden@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk)

Keep up the superb work, Foxes!

Miss Golden and Mrs Bailey