

### Fox Class

Welcome to Fox Class!!

Our learning theme for this half term is...

“Where does our food come from... and where does it go?”

This project will have a Geography and Science focus and hopefully, we will have the opportunity to try some new things to eat along the way. As well as learning how our food reaches us, we will find out about the digestive system in Science, along with related themes, such as teeth.

In English, Fox class will continue to develop their spelling using the “Sounds and Syllables” programme, as well as working with a range of non-fiction texts about food and digestion.

At The Pines, we are excited to start using an approach called “The Write Stuff” to help us support the children’s writing more effectively. This term, our work will be based on the Disney short cartoon “Feast” and the aim is that the children will develop the ideas, tools and techniques needed for successful writing.

In Maths, the focus for the first few weeks will be place value of number, leading on to addition and subtraction. We will be recapping previous learning and working on our basic calculations, including both mental and written strategies.

In Year 4, there is continued emphasis on practising and learning the times tables. We will be using Times Tables Rockstars in school and your child has a login to use at home as well.

### Links to Prior Learning

The children have encountered Science topics about living things and life processes in previous years, which will be helpful as we learn more about digestion and health.

Also, when we have Food Technology lessons later in the term, the pupils’ previous experiences of making different kinds of food will be very useful.



### Where does our food come from... and where does it go?

In Geography, we will be trying to answer the question of where our food comes from, which will include a comparison between food sourced locally and what is imported from elsewhere. One particular food we will learn about is chocolate... but I can’t promise any food tasting in that session!

In Science, our focus will be on teeth and the digestive system. This will involve investigating why the teeth of animals differ from each other.

### Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day. We will spend a little time reading on most days and the pupils will be able to change their books daily if needed.

**PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays** when we will be developing stamina, fitness and other fundamental PE skills.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

### How to support your child at home:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and/or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Timetable Rock Stars or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

I will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

### Dates for your diary:

Meet the Teacher – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**School Photos – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Parent/teacher consultations – **22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

End of half term – **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**