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NEWSLETTER 21

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Monday 8th March

We are looking forward to seeing all children back in school on Monday!

Here are just a few reminders to help you have a smooth start to the week:

- Full uniform is to be worn by children.
- Parents are to wear masks as they pick up and drop off their children.
- Please ensure you are social distancing around the gates and pathways as much as possible.
- Owls and Hedgehogs are to enter the site through the black gate next to the Reception classroom and the Foxes and Squirrels are to enter the site from the church path gate.
- Please arrive to drop your children off at their respective gates between 8.40 and 8.50am.
- Hedgehog and Squirrel children will need to be picked up at 3.05pm and KS2 will need to be collected at 3.15pm.

As always, thank you for your support and your willingness to adapt so quickly to the changes that are made.

Travel to Malawi

As you know, we are completing the federation wide challenge of virtually travelling to Malawi. As we have not yet reached our target, we have extended the deadline to the end of term 4! So keep it up!

So far, our federation's children, parents and staff have run, walked, skipped, jogged and biked a total of 4,659 miles out of our 6,555 mile target. We're so close!

Please keep sending in your miles to **traveltomala-wi@pioneerfederation.co.uk**—every mile counts! Please send in photos of your walk too—we would love to feature them in the newsletter!

Keep up the great work, Pioneer!



Clubs

Clubs will be resuming from next week. Please note, your child will not be able to attend a club unless they have returned a slip to the office. There is a maximum limit of 15 per club, please return your slip asap to avoid disappointment.

We are unable to accept children on an ad-hoc basis and will ask for children to be collected.

Please also note, Homework Club will start on Tuesday 16th March.

St David's Day

While the children were taking part in the Global Easter Comparison afternoon—we noticed that Orlaith had daffodils in her hair to celebrate St David's Day! Happy St David's Day!





We can't wait to have you all back to school at East Hoathly, we are looking forward to seeing you so much on Monday 8th March!

"I can't wait to hear you all sing."

Miss Lewis

"I can't wait to say hello and find out how you are in person."

Mrs Healy

"I can't wait to play games and hear about your wonderful adventures!"

Miss Denney

"I can't wait to see your happy, smiling faces because they are brilliant!"

Miss Williams

"I can't wait to see you all playing games and having fun outside at break and lunchtimes."

Miss Hillier

"I can't wait to see all of your beaming good mornings and giggles."

Miss Roberts

"I can't wait to hear about all your adventures and stories again."

Mrs Adams

"I can't wait to see your chatting and laughing faces and no more typing to see how you are."

Mrs Thompson

"I can't wait to see all your happy smiley faces."

Mrs Wicks

"I can't wait to see you in the playground - running, laughing, playing, lost in your own secret worlds." Mrs Yates

"I can't wait to see everyone back together, learning and having fun."

Mr Lulham

"I can't wait to share your laughter."

Mrs Smith

"I can't wait to say hello to you all on the playground again."

Laura

"I can't wait to see all the children back in school together."

Mrs Burns

"I can't wait to see you all having fun together again."

Dawn

"I can't wait to see you all back together in your classrooms."

Miss Dutton

"I can't wait to hear your chatting voices in the corridor."

Mrs Wills

What are you looking forward to?

Class Newsletters

See the below boxes for what your child will be getting up to for the remainder of this term! If you have any questions, please email the office.

Squirrel Class

Our topic this term is 'Meerkat Mail'.

The children will continue to focus on 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett and consider differences between this story and others.

In maths, the children will recap content we have covered previously and work on their 2, 5, and 10 times tables.

For reading, the Squirrels will continue to develop their reading fluency and recap their phonics knowledge.

For topic sessions throughout the term, we will learn about different Easter traditions around the world in RE and learn about all of the different places Sunny the meerkat visited during Geography.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week!

Miss Williams



Hedgehog Class

Our topic for Term 4 is 'In the Garden'.

The children will learning about growth and changes and will be making lots of observations and predictions about plants, growing and mini beasts.

We will be encouraging lots of outside learning to look at natural habitats of different mini beasts and creating our own mini beast houses.

We will be practicing our 2 and 3 letter phonics sounds and revising addition and subtraction.

Mrs Smith and I can't wait to see all of the Hedgehogs back in class from Monday 8th March!

Miss Denney



Owl Class

This term, Owls' topic is 'Survival of the Fittest'. We will be finding out the meaning and scientific implications of evolution and inheritance and about famous scientists like Charles Darwin.

For literacy, we will be exploring the book 'Holes', writing about Mary Anning and inventing and describing their our words.

In mathematics, we will doing lots of mental maths and will be recapping on calculation strategies to explore reasoning and problem solving questions.

In the afternoons, the children will be making their own fossils and creating collages. We will also be learning about relationships and for RE, the children will be finding out about Easter. The children will also be having PE on a Monday with Mr Brett and Spanish with Miss Dutton.

Mrs Healy will be teaching the class in school next week (week 3) then week 4 onwards Miss Lewis will teach on a Monday and Ms Press for the rest of the week.

We can't wait to see you all on Monday!

Mrs Healy



Fox Class

This term, our topic is called 'Amazon Adventures' and we will be studying the book 'The Great Kapok Tree'.

In literacy, the children will be creating information texts about the many amazing Amazonian creatures.

In History and Geography, the class will learn facts about the Mayan people and their culture. Through the science lessons, we will learn about how habitats support life and the animals that live within the forest.

We are very lucky to be doing Forest School once again, starting from week commencing 15th March. We will hopefully be exploring the microhabitat of the pond!

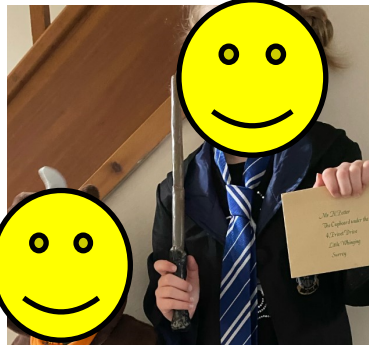
Miss Roberts and I are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to Foxes Class!

Mr Lulham



World Book Day 2021

There were so many amazing costumes this World Book Day! Well done for taking part and thank you for sending photos! Can you guess which stories the characters below are from?



Global Easter Comparison Afternoon

On Monday 1st March, we had an Easter Comparison afternoon. This was part of our work towards a Global Neighbours Award.

The Nursery bubble compared Easter traditions between the UK and Bermuda. The children found out that to celebrate Easter in Bermuda, Christians make kites and take part in egg and spoon races. The children also enjoyed a very popular tradition from the UK—hot cross buns!

The EYFS/KS1 bubble, compared Easter traditions in Spain and the UK. They discovered that the egg represents new life and in Spain, they decorate eggs and roll them down a hill. Also, in the USA they have egg and spoon competitions. The children and adults had an egg and spoon race as well as decorating eggs.

Sophie commented "In Spain, they put Ash on their foreheads like Christians in the UK on Ash Wednesdays before Easter. This is to ask Jesus for forgiveness."

The KS2 bubble found out about how lots of different countries celebrate Easter. They discovered in Sweden, Easter is really important and they decorate houses (like Christmas in the UK but with Egg decorations.) The children had a go at using felt tips to decorate their own boiled eggs! We also found out that in Spain, strong people carry intricately decorated wooden boxes with depictions of the Easter story along the streets to commemorate Easter. For Christians in Spain, Easter is the most important celebration of the year."

Great work everyone! What a fun way to try other countries' Easter traditions!



School Learners of the Week

Well done to all of our learners at school! You have all worked so hard and produced such high quality work!

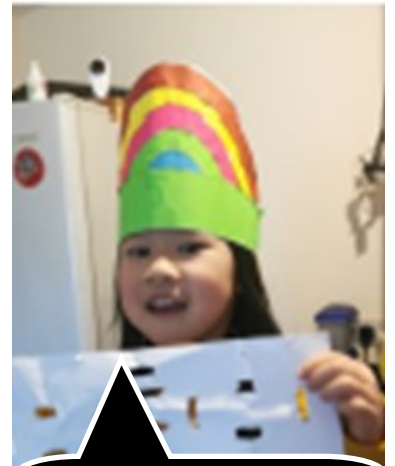
Ducklings/Rabbits

Hudson has shown the value of love by settling in really well in Nursery!



Hedgehogs

Chloe has shown the value of truth!



I shared my learning with my friends!

Squirrels

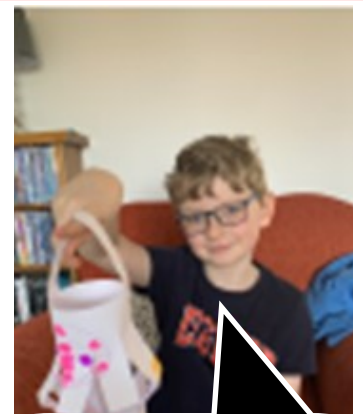
Delilah has shown the value of strength!



I have tried my best in all of my school work!

Foxes

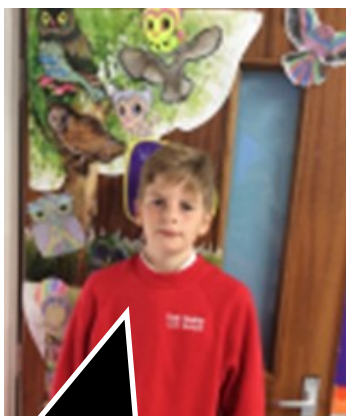
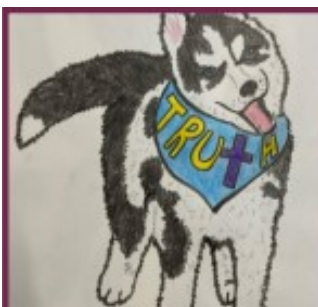
Jake has shown the value of wisdom!



I used evidence to support my answers in guided reading!

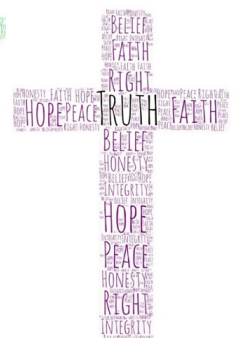
Owls

Hector has shown the value of truth!



I make sure everyone plays fairly during 4-square!

Which of our schools values are you going to show next week?



HOME LEARNING

Please send pictures of your child's learning so it can feature in the next newsletter! We can't wait to see and share their incredible home learning!

Evelyn from Fox Class has put her artistic skills to use and has sketched a Mayan hut.

Those trees and blue sky make me wish I was on holiday, Evelyn! You've done a stellar job with that drawing!

Well done!



Joseph from Fox Class has created his own rain stick!

He added a little dash of paint to make it look more authentic.

You've done a great job on that rain stick Joseph!

I'm sure it sounds as incredible as it looks!

Well done!



Maisy from Fox Class has created a beautiful and brightly coloured Mayan headdress by cutting paper to look like feathers!

Someone call Gok Wan—we have a new fashion designer on our hands!

Great job, Maisy!



Darcy in Owl Class has been using her researching and writing skills to write a biography about Charles Darwin.

Please read an extract from her biography below.

Amazing work, Darcy! This has been so well researched and great punctuation!

In 1818 -at nine years old- Charles got send to boarding school, which he hated. When Charles Darwin was at school his father desperately wanted him to become a doctor like him. So Charles decided to give it a try (at Edinburgh university) but he hated it. After two years he abandoned it and studied on being a cledgerman. This time he loved it. Charles carried on loving animals, he especially focused on bug collecting and he hunted for gunk at the bottom of boats! It was his love of natural things that let him to a opportunity of a lifetime!



Sara and Stan from Fox Class have been busy constructing this week.

Stan has created a Mayan hut using real leaves and twigs he has found on his walks and Sara has crafted a very extravagant looking hut— I wouldn't mind living in a hut that looked like that!

Well done, guys!



Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Mar 2021

8th—All children back in school

12th—Science Day

22nd—FGB Meeting

24th—Lockdown practice

Apr 2021

1st—Easter Service—9.25am

1st—End of Term 4

19th—First day of Term 5

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

May 2021

3rd—Bank Holiday

11th—FGB Meeting

21st—Sports Day and Picnic

26th—Pioneer Day

28th—End of Term 5

Jun 2021

7th—First day of Term 6

30th—Parent Forum

Jul 2021

6th—Results Day

6th—Summer production dress rehearsal

8th—Summer production—2pm

8th—Summer production—6.30pm

30th—Parent Forum

Jul 2021

2nd—Owls Patina

12th—Residential

13th—Residential

14th—Residential

14th—FGB Meeting

16th—Reports out to parents

17th—Groundforce

20th—Parent Consultations—reports only

22nd—Leavers' Service—9.25am

22nd—End of Term 6

Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Jul 2021

23rd—INSET Day

