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# Foxes Newsletter

## Autumn 1

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### Welcome to Year 2

Hello and welcome to a new school year. Our class name is Foxes. My name is Mrs Shirley, I am really excited to be joining Heathcote School! We will have Mrs Forrest and Mrs Puri helping us in class throughout the week. We all look forward to a fantastic half term.

Please join us for 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in Foxes classroom.



#### Reminders

Please ensure a **named PE kit** is in school at all times. Our PE sessions will be Wednesdays and Fridays please ensure that all jewellery is removed on these days. Please can you ensure that your child always has pumps/trainers in school as they will be going outside for PE.

As you know the weather at this time of year can be very changeable therefore please can you ensure your child has a **named** waterproof coat at school every day, we do go out to play rain or shine.

#### Reading

It is still important that you listen to your child read regularly. Research has shown if children are heard for at least 10 minutes every day they will become very successful and fluent readers. Discussion of the text is just as essential as word reading.

We will be asking the children to change their books **daily**. Some may not finish the text however they will be expected to change on Friday to ensure they have a new book for the weekend.

**Please ensure that your child's reading diaries and book is in school every day.**

#### This Half Term

Climbing the battlements or tunnelling in the ground, there's a whole world of adventure and fun to be found!



This term, we will visit a real castle to explore the towers, battlements and maybe a secret tunnel or two! We'll learn all about the different parts of a castle and describe how they have changed over time. Using a wide range of materials, we'll build models of castles and test the strength of our structures. We'll learn the stories of *Rapunzel*, *The Tunnel* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and create some of our amazing writing. Maps and photographs will help us learn about the tallest buildings and the longest tunnels in the world. We'll find out about the amazing Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and improve our PE skills by playing attacking and defending games.

**Please find your curriculum map for this half term attached.**

