

We are ready to have a great year!



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another busy and exciting new school year at Great Dunham. It has been wonderful to see the Year 1 children returning so confidently to school and settling in to their new learning. Welcome also to our Reception children, they have made a fantastic start to the school year, learning the routines of the day and we are really looking forward to watching them all grow and progress over the year.

What do I need each day?

The children all need to bring their book bag, complete with reading books and reading records to school everyday. The expectation is that they read every night at home. All the children in the class will be heard read at least twice a week by an adult in school. Books should be placed in the basket in the cloakroom at the start of every morning so that we are able to change any books that are needed. On a Monday the children should also all bring a water bottle and their P.E kit into school and these will be returned home on a Friday. Bottles will be rinsed out and refilled for the children each day. Reception children will also need waterproof clothes as well as wellies in school everyday to allow them to be outside in their learning whatever the weather!

Meet the Teacher

Please remember the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Monday 11th September at 3:20pm. This is a chance for us to discuss end of year expectations for all the children, as well as giving notice of trips for the year and lots of other important information.

Topic

This half term our topic is Fantastic Mr Fox. The children are really excited about our topic and so are we! The children will be learning all about animal habitats, food chains, healthy eating, where our food comes from, drawing maps and giving directions, planning and costing a feast, creating invitations, designing and making fox catching machines, creating puppets, thinking about the impact of digging up farms and much more. For more information about our topic please look at the topic tree attached. We will also be holding a celebration feast at the end of our topic and would love you to attend. It is on Thursday 19th October at 2:30pm – put it in your diary now! There will also be a trip to Tesco to complete the 'Farm to Fork' Trail – more information about this at a later date.

Homework Menu

The following is a list of homework for the children to complete throughout this half term. They may choose to do one a week or maybe even more. Remember to bring in the children's fantastic work to display on our topic table!

- Research and create a factfile about an animal of your choice – where does it live? What does it eat? Is it nocturnal? What is special about it?
- Design your own farm – you could draw it or make a 3D model. How would you try and keep Mr Fox out?

- Create a Fantastic Mr Fox Mask.
- Create a wanted poster to help Boggis, Bunce and Bean catch Mr Fox.
- Visit a park/woods and photograph a tree – can you find out what type of tree it is?
- Draw a picture of your favourite character and write a sentence to say why you chose them.
- Write a book review of fantastic Mr Fox – did you like it? Why? Why not?
- Practice number bonds to 20(Year 1) and 10(Reception)
- Practice High Frequency Words.
- Visit the websites to find out more about foxes and farms.

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/#>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z96r82p>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=farm%20animals>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z672pv4/videos/1>

Pete Bear

Back by popular demand (the children's!) Pete Bear will again be visiting each child's house this year for fun and adventures. Please could you help the children to fill in the diary with photos, drawings and writing about what they have been up to together.

As always, remember we are here to help and really want Oulton class children, parents and teachers to become a team. If you have any questions, concerns or compliments please come and see us!

Many Thanks,

Miss Titmarsh.