

Curriculum Letter for Spring 1 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all from the Foxes team, as we enter another fun-filled and exciting term of learning. We will be continuing to use Tapestry as a way to share what we are learning in the class and help you talk to the children about how they are filling their days. Please also keep checking the newsletters and links sent out via text message for important updates and information.

As the cold weather looks set to continue for a while, please help children to **practice zipping and un-zipping coats** by themselves as well as putting on their gloves and shoes. If any little feet have grown, please send new wellies into school so that they **always have a waterproof shoes option for when we are learning outside** throughout the week. As you will be aware by now, Horsley can be quite muddy at times and we want to ensure the children can stay as dry, safe and comfortable as possible. **Coats also need to be waterproof and warm** for this time of year.

- **Outdoor Learning** continues **every Wednesday afternoon**. Please help the children by ensuring they are dressed in clothes fit for climbing, jumping, rolling and digging. Some children have struggled to wear their waterproof trousers over skirts and dresses
- **PE is now on a Monday**; children need to **come dressed in their school PE kit** with waterproof trainers suitable for outdoor use. Canvas daps and shoes can lead to soggy feet, slips and trips.

CURRICULUM AREA	Spring 1
Topic	Heroes who help us.
Christian Value	<i>Friendship</i>
Class books	Something Else / The magic paintbrush / Good night Gorilla
Literacy/ communication and language	'Little Wandle' phonics – Phase 3 What did you do? – recounting events and exploring non-fiction
Mathematics	Mastery Maths - the composition of numbers; comparing and grouping numbers Thinking about how we use capacity, length and time.
Understanding the World	Science – Weather and Seasons Geography - Outdoor adventures - exploring our world Computing – Technology around us / Safety and Privacy
R.E. (Glos)	What times/stories are special and why?
Expressive Art and Design	Art – <i>Painting and mixed media: Paint my world</i> Music -My Stories – singing nursery rhymes
P.E.	Football Fundamentals Fine motor control - flexibility and control
Personal, social and emotional	Keeping Safe – including Keeping our bodies safe, Road Safety and knowing who can help us.

Please continue to come and chat as needed at the beginning and end of each day.

Best wishes

Mrs Pickering, Miss Ind-Smith and Ms West