


**Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Foxglove**

Dear Parents / Carers of Foxglove Class,

Welcome back to a new school year. We are really excited that your children are stepping into Year 5; they have all made an amazing start and settled well into Foxglove Class. We have lots of exciting things planned so we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Here are all the things you need to know about our learning and routines for this term.

**Important Information**:

• Children will need to wear their PE kit to school every WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. Please make sure children wear appropriate clothing in the school colours.
• Children will need to be provided with a snack - if they want one - and a water bottle.
• Water bottles - preferably only water please - no squash or flavoured water! Snacks should be a healthy choice and provided for breaktimes and before clubs.
• As the weather gets colder, please make sure all children have their coats in school. All clothing MUST be named - even if it's just with a Sharpie!

**Daily Routine:**

● All children can begin to arrive from 8.40 am, aiming to start the day at 8.50am. Lots of important interventions happen at the beginning of the day so children should be on time so as not to miss them. The register closes at 9.00am.
● Please contact the class teacher via the office email address (enquiries@svsj.bwmat.org) regarding any important information / changes to pick up arrangements. This will be forwarded to the teacher.
● Please bear in mind, emails may not be checked by the class teacher during the day whilst they are teaching so it's important that the office receives your email so they can verbally pass messages on to the teacher.
● Please also make sure that you are checking the School App as we will send out important messages and updates on activities the children have done.

**Homework:**

- Children should be reading 4 times a week and record their page numbers in their Reading Records. Please see further details regarding this below. Stickers will be given at the end of the week which can then be swapped for Foxes.
- Homework menus: Children should aim to complete one piece of work from the 'homework menu' each week and can choose which one they would like to do. Homework can be brought into school on or before each FRIDAY morning. Work will be shared with the class on the following Monday and Foxes can be earned for outstanding effort on any particular piece.
- Times tables: Children should now be consolidating their tables as they head into Year 5. They will be able to earn silver stars for chanting individual tables and then a gold star

for ‘Going for Gold’ by answering questions, out of sequence, at pace. Children can choose which table to focus on each week, and the aim is to have achieved BOTH a gold and a silver star for each table by the end of the year.

- Spellings: There will be no set spelling tests as there will be a focus on practising and learning key spellings in class. If you wish to support your child with extra learning at home, please see the attached spelling lists (statutory spellings and high frequency words for support and extension.)

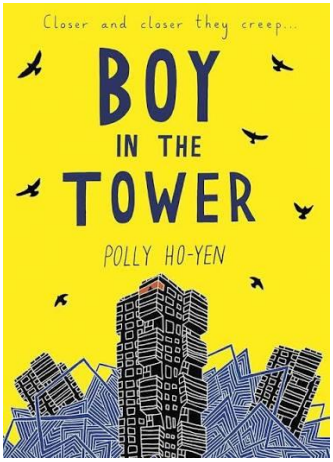
**Home Reading:**

Please monitor your child's reading at home. **FOUR times a week**, 10 minutes at a time, is the expectation. Reading records will be checked every Thursday and now that the children are in Year 5, we encourage them to write their own comments in their reading records. However, parents/carers should also check this, and we ask that you please initial each time your child has read so we can award Foxes as rewards at the end of the week.

All children have been given a **levelled reading book** to take home. This is a text that is appropriate for their reading ability. **Children should be reading this book at least twice a week** as part of their weekly expectation. Children are able to change their levelled reading books at school.

Our QUEST this term is: **How Can We Help Develop a Happy and Healthy Community?** You will find photographs of our learning throughout the term on the school website under Foxglove Class.

What we are reading this term in Foxglove:



Below is a breakdown of the curriculum we are covering this term (you can see an enlarged version on Foxglove Class page on the website:

Term 1

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| **Maths**<br>Place Value:<br>Addition and Subtraction:<br>• | **English**<br>David Attenborough<br>Biography<br>Character description Performance Poetry<br>(Joseph Coelho)<br>Guided Reading: The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen | **Science**<br>Animals including humans – The Human Circulatory System | **History-N/A** |
| **Geography – Natural Resources and Sustainability** | **Computing - Quizzing (2besafe)** | **PE**<br>Health and Fitness<br>Netball | **Music**<br>Violins and Cello |
| **French**<br>Revisiting me. Telling the time. Daily life of a Superhero. | **Art/DT**<br>Art: Frida Kahlo<br><br>DT- Food and Nutrition<br>Cooking | **Religious Education**<br>AMV Unit 8: What do Muslim people believe about Islam and Iman? | **PSHE**<br>Being Me in My World |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch me at the end of the day or via email to the school office enquiries@svsj.bwmat.org

Kind regards,

Mrs Warner