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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term! I hope everyone has had a lovely Easter and we are all ready to bring on the challenges that the Summer term brings us. We have so much stuff planned this term and we really hope that the children will not only get lots of good learning from their lessons but will also, possibly have a little bit of fun along the way!

This term, our topic is Around the World in 80 Days and we have loads of exciting ideas to get through, some of which I'm sure you have heard about already! Seeing as they're doing the same topic as us, we thought it a good idea to work closely with Badgers class this term, this will mean not only working together in the foundation subjects but also in our literacy and guided reading lessons, to give each child the best support to meet their individual needs. This will mean some mixing and matching between the classes and is something that we are really excited about piloting this year- we thought it worked really well last term so hope to more of the same for the Summer term and then the foreseeable future.

Maths

As much we try and ignore it, when the Summer term rolls around, we can't help but see the dreaded SATs getting closer- just two weeks to go. But, never fear, we are pretty much there with everything their children need to do their absolute best in these tests. Please do reassure your children just to try their hardest during this week and leave the stressing to me!

Once SATs is all done and dusted, we still have lots to cover and revise and for the Year 5s lots of areas to prepare them for next year. We plan to look at properties of shape, ratio, algebra, units of measure and co-ordinates.

Don't forget that children can access Time Tables Rockstars on their computers at home (their login codes are in their link books) and this would be hugely beneficial for them to practice a couple of times a week.

Literacy

As mentioned earlier, we will be mixing up the classes a little bit to give children the best opportunity to fulfil their individual potential. Fitting in with our topic of Around the world of 80 Days, we will be travelling to all sorts of places around our planet in the search for some good writing. We will begin in Ancient Greece, learning about the different legends and writing one of our own, before moving onto Mexico and looking at many of the different parades and carnivals before heading over to England to look at some amazing adventures and journeys in the past such as the ill-fated Titanic.

Spellings will continue to be sent home every Monday and they should be glued in the link book with the words, that need extra practice, highlighted. If these could be practiced that would be super! We also continue to do



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guided reading every day in class, but any extra reading that is done outside of school would of course be beneficial. Again, just another quick reminder for those parents that have not yet taken a photograph of their child reading for our reading display it would be really great if we could get them in school so we can stick them up on our display.

PE

Before the Easter break we began an in-class rounders tournament in preparation for the Rother Valley Rounders tournament in July. This will continue every Friday and the running total kept until the last game on the last day of term. The other of our two PE lessons, on a Thursday, will be taught, as usual by Aspire. Please, please make sure that PE kits are in school every day of the week as we sometimes do extra PE sessions not on our 'normal' days.

Science

Fitting in with our topic (if you haven't noticed already, we try and do a lot of topic based cross-curricular work at Stedham!) of potions, we will be looking at Earth and Space. While our budget doesn't quite stretch to a class visit to International Space Station, we do hope that there will be lots of fun activities for the children to get hands-on with this exciting unit of work.

Topic

Once SAT's have been disposed of, we will be doing a whole raft of topic based stuff, with some geography, history and computing all being part of this topic. We will be looking Ancient Greece and investigating some of myths and legends that are so popular in this time period. We will also be looking in Geography at trade links around the world and how these have helped communication and the discovery of new lands.

Talking of SATs (not that I really want to!) I know some of you came to my meeting to run through how the SATs week is structured, but if there are any more questions pop a message on Dojo or find me in the playground and I'll be more than happy to help.

Assembly dates: No class assembly this term, but what we do have is our usual school production. This year the play will be..... shhhhh, we are not telling anyone yet but details will be released in the coming days!

Final note, I think most parents have already signed up, but if there are any parents who have not yet signed up to ClassDojo, please do come and speak to me to get another login code- it's the main way that we communicate what's going on in Foxes classroom so it's a good place check dates and any out of the ordinary events that may be happening.

I think that's all from me, if anyone has any questions or concerns my door is always open or you can catch me on the playground at the end of school.

As you can see an exciting and busy term ahead, with lots of exciting new things to enjoy!

Please can you listen to your child read as much as possible and practice their spellings and times tables. If you ever have any concerns, please do pop in and talk to me.

Thank you!

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