Foxes Class – Half-termly Round-up

What another brilliant and bustling term it has been in Foxes Class!
We've explored poetry, wildlife, rivers, circuits, creativity and so much more! The children have impressed us every step of the way with their enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity.

English
We began the term and stepped into the roles of wildlife reporters through *An Interview with a Tiger*. The class "interviewed" a whole host of animals, using creative questioning and imaginative responses to develop powerful character voices. Their final pieces were funny, original and brilliantly written. Then we finished the term by diving into nature poetry, inspired by the beautiful book *It Starts with a Seed*. The children explored imagery, pattern and rhythm, crafting thoughtful poems that captured the wonder of the natural world.

Guided Reading
In Guided Reading, the children have now finished the classic *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the characters, themes and language of the story, and our recent book-review session gave them a wonderful opportunity to share their opinions. It was fantastic to hear such thoughtful discussions about what they liked, what surprised them and which moments stood out. We will be moving on to another well-known story in the New Year!

Maths
This term has been all about fractions – and some very tricky ones at that!
The children have been adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalents, comparing and ordering them, and tackling increasingly challenging problems. Their resilience has really shone through, especially when working with mixed numbers and more complex reasoning tasks. We are incredibly proud of the progress they've made.

Geography
Our Rivers topic has come to a fantastic end. A real highlight was our wonderful visit from Wessex Rivers, where the children took part in pond dipping and watched a fascinating demonstration showing how a real river is formed and shaped.
Back in class, they created detailed maps of the River Test and learned about the water cycle – even performing their learning through a lively and memorable water cycle rap!

RE
In RE, our theme has been Holy, with a particular focus on Mary. We explored why Mary is considered holy, reflected on the messages conveyed through hymns and carols about her, and discussed our own thoughts on holiness as we moved towards Christmas.

Design and Technology
DT has been a challenge in the very best way! Building on last term's Electricity topic, the children designed and created their own working torches from recycled plastic bottles. This project required careful planning, circuit-building, problem-solving and lots of teamwork – especially when trying to thread wires inside bottles without breaking connections! The finished torches were brilliant and the children should be incredibly proud of their engineering skills.

This term has been packed with learning, progress and curiosity. It has been wonderful to see the Foxes take on new challenges every single day with determination and joy.
Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas filled with festive cheer and time with loved ones.
See you in 2026!