



Foxes Factsheet

Spring 1 2017



Welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! This half term we will be focusing on the theme of Volcanoes.

English

As Writers we will be...using the story 'Vacation under the Volcano' by Mary Pope Osborne to support our writing. Through this text, we will create our own time travel adventure story. We will also create shape, acrostic and kenning poems based on the theme of Volcanoes. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. We will further develop our understanding of using apostrophes for singular and plural possession. Also, we will learn to express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because), adverbs (e.g. then, next, soon, therefore), or prepositions (e.g. before after, during, in, because of). As part of writing, we will develop our proof reading and editing skills enabling us to independently improve our work. In spellings, we will be learning how to use prefixes and suffixes from the National Curriculum. Also, we will practise cursive writing on a weekly basis.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be...

- Developing the use of mental addition and subtraction strategies.
- Learning to recall multiplication and division facts for up to 12×12 .
- Developing our knowledge of formal written methods of addition and subtraction.
- Estimating, measuring, comparing and converting lengths and weights.
- Developing our understanding of 2D shapes and their properties.
- Learning how to measure the perimeter of 2D shapes.
- Identifying and measuring different angles.
- Learning to interpret and present data.
- Solving one and two step problems involving numbers and money.

We will also take part in problem solving activities during the week.

Science

As Scientists we will be...learning about rocks and soils. We will be learning about different types of rocks and comparing them. We will use this knowledge to group different rocks based on their properties. Following this, we will learn about how fossils are formed and about the work of the Palaeontologist Mary Anning. We will also learn about the properties of soil and investigate the permeability of different soils.

Computing

As computer scientists we will... continue our learning on how to use the internet safely and the importance of e-safety. Also, we will continue to develop our research skills on the internet throughout topic and science lessons.

PE

As a sportsperson we will... copy and perform a sequence of balances and movements in Gymnastics. We will also compete in a number of team challenges outside. Children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but children should have their **outdoor** PE kit in school every day and it should be clearly labeled. This should include a jumper and a pair of trainers.

RE

This term, we will begin exploring the Christian faith. Our learning will focus on the belief for Christians in the life of Jesus. We will start at the story of Jesus' birth and look closely at the early part of the New Testament up to the choosing of the Disciples. Following this, we will learn about the latter part of Jesus' life, taking the story up to Jesus' death and resurrection.

MFL

This half term we will be looking at birthdays through the story 'Joyeux Anniversaire, Aurelie'.

Topic

As geographers we will be... learning about the structure of the earth. We will learn about how volcanoes are created. We will also learn about different famous volcanoes and their statistics.

As historians we will be... developing our knowledge of chronology and different periods of time. We will also learn about the Romans and the ancient Roman city of Pompeii.

As artists we will be... exploring the use of different brush strokes to add texture and depth into landscape paintings.

As designers we will be... making a model of the structure of the earth and making a model volcano.

Homework

The children will take home their reading books every day and are encouraged to read regularly at home. We would ask you to comment in their reading diaries when they have read to you. The children are able to change their individual reading book every morning as they come into school. They will have weekly spellings to learn which will be checked on Mondays. Homework will be given out every Thursday and handed in the following Thursday. It is the children's responsibility to take their homework and spellings out of their folder and to put them into the appropriate shelf in the classroom each week to be marked. There will be homework club on Friday lunchtime if pupils wish to attend to complete their homework.

Values

This half term we will be learning about the Values of **Respect and Friendship**.

If you have any queries please feel free to discuss them with me after school.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Finney

