



Foxes Factsheet

Spring 2 2017



Welcome back after half term, I hope you have had a lovely break! This half term we will be focusing on the theme of 'The Victorians'.

English

As Writers we will be... using 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Through this we will develop our knowledge of story writing with a focus on stories set in a historical context and stories set abroad. We will also be developing our knowledge of recount writing through creating diary entries from different characters' perspectives. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. The areas that we will be focus on this half term are the use of first and third person, the use of past tense and the use of conjunctions of extend sentences. We will also develop our use of descriptive techniques and figurative language, allowing us to show empathy towards characters, their experiences, thoughts and feelings. We will also be taught spelling patterns and we will continue to practise cursive writing.

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.
- Identifying and measuring different angles.
- Learning to interpret and present data.
- Using a place value chart to multiply numbers by 10 and 100.
- 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 develop our knowledge of plants. During science lessons, we will learn about the structure and function of plants, photosynthesis, transportation of water, soil nutrients and the plant life cycle. We will gain knowledge through pupil led learning, investigation and experimentation. We will take part in activities where we re-pot plants, grow our own plants and observe the changes in plants over the weeks.

Computing

As computer scientists... we will continue to develop our knowledge of e-safety and how to remain safe when using the internet, with a particular focus on safe websites and how to judge if a website is safe. We will develop their word processing skills and the use of programs in order to create presentations. We will also have the opportunity to manipulate images using the computer to make images appear to be from the Victorian Era. As well, we will use the internet to research in science and topic lessons.

PE

As a sportsperson... this half term we will be doing Dance. We will explore the different ways we can show movements to music and link our moves together to create our own dance. We will also experience the style of music and dance fit for a Victorian Ball!

Children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but children should have their outdoor PE kit in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. This should include a jumper and a pair of trainers.

RE

This half term, we will continue to explore 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.

Topic

As historians... we will be studying the life of children during the Victorian period. We will develop our knowledge of the lives of rich and poor people, Victorian schools, child labour and children's free time. We will look at artefacts, photographs, replicas and we will carry out research to help us to build a picture of life for children in the Victorian Era. We will also look at the history of our school as this was built during the Victorian era.

As artists ... we will be creating Victorian style self portraits. Also, we will look at some famous pieces of artwork during the Victorian era by artist such as Seurat, Monet and William Morris. We will then try recreating some of their famous pieces of artwork.

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 **Trust and Honesty**.

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

