

Foxes Factsheet

Autumn 1 2016



Welcome back after the summer holidays, I hope you have had a fantastic break! This half term we will be focusing on the theme of Blue Abyss

English

As Writers we will be...using the story 'The Water Horse' by Dick King Smith to support our writing. Through this text, we will create a story containing a mythical creature. Following this, we will learn to identify the features of a newspaper and create our own newspaper articles about the sighting of a mythical sea creature. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. We will learn how to split our work into paragraphs. Also, we will learn how to accurately punctuate speech. 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 looking at the common exception words from the National Curriculum. Also, we will practise cursive writing on a weekly basis.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be...

- Developing our knowledge of place value of each digit in two and three digit numbers.
- Learning to read and write numbers in both words and numerals up to 1000.
- Developing the use of mental addition and subtraction strategies.
- Learning to recall multiplication and division facts for up to 12×12 .
- Developing an understanding of the calendar, including days, weeks, months, years.
- Learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue and digital clocks.
- Identifying the properties of 3D shapes and using these to make 3D models.
- 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...researching the ocean. We will be identifying the different habitats there are within the ocean and why certain sea creatures live there. Following this, we will identify and classify sea creatures using venn diagrams, carroll diagrams and classification keys. Also, we will study sea creatures eating habits through the use of food chains and food webs. We will also develop our knowledge of environmental change and how these are affecting our oceans and sea life.

Computing

As computer scientists we will be... learning how to use the internet safely and the importance of e-safety . This half term there will be a particular focus on safe searching, safe and useful websites and how to judge if a website is safe. We will also learn about the difference between hardware and software. As well, we will use the internet to research in science and topic lessons.

PE

As a sportsperson we will develop our ability to control a ball through Football. We will work on individual skills and discuss tactics and ways to keep possession of a ball through small matches. Children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but please ensure children have their **outdoor** PE kit in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. Children are asked to wear **trainers** for the session- **no football boots or pumps**.

RE

This half term, we will begin by exploring 'Right and Wrong.' We will be thinking about the choices we make and the behaviours we show. We will consider how we can be a good influence on others based on our own experiences and we will discuss how we may need inner strength when making decisions.

MFL

This half term we will be learning French greetings, learning to write numbers in French and discussing our likes and dislikes.,

Topic

As historians we will be...researching famous sea explorers and finding out about their discoveries.

As artists we will be ... developing our sketching skills and knowledge of artist mediums in order to create different sea images and in depth drawings of sea creatures.

As designers we will be... designing our own sea creatures and making models of these.

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 Wednesday. 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 **Determination and Courage**.

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

