

Foxes Factsheet

Spring 2.



Welcome back after half term, this half term our focus is on 'Rainforests'.

English

As Writers we will be... reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. Through learning about this story we will write our own story set in a rainforest. We will also be learning about persuasive writing and thinking about how the characters within the story are persuasive. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. The areas that we will focus on this half term are the use of expanded noun phrases to give further description about an object or person and we will look at the use of collective nouns within the book. We will also identify and use powerful adjectives, verbs and synonyms. As part of writing, proof reading and editing skills to improve our work will be developed. In spellings, we will be looking at a variety of prefixes and their spelling patterns as taken from the National Curriculum. Also, we will practise cursive writing.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be...

- Finding the perimeter of 2D shapes
- Applying our knowledge of written addition and subtraction in different contexts
- Developing the use of mental addition and subtraction strategies
- Learning to recall multiplication and division facts for up to 12×12 .
- Reading and converting times
- Finding times later on
- Solving one and two step problems involving numbers and money

Science

As Scientists we will be... researching and investigating 'Living Things and Their Habitats.' We will be using a variety of scientific investigation strategies to group living things. We will be classifying vertebrates and invertebrates through using classification keys. Also, we will be looking at habitats and the impact of environmental changes.

MFL

We will be Continuing work on the story 'Joyeux anniversaire' and starting work on 'L'école magique'.

Computing

As computer scientists we will be ... using the internet to research in science and topic lessons. We will also be using publishing packages to publish work.

PE

As sportsmen and sportswomen we will be ...developing our orienteering skills on a Friday afternoon with Miss Finney. We will also have Burton Albion coaches on a Thursday afternoon, who will be developing our dance skills. We will need our usual PE kit in school every day, which will need to be labelled. For lessons we will need earrings to be removed.

RE

This half term we will be focusing on Judaism.

We will learn about the founding of the Jewish faith, particularly through the lives and characters of Abraham and Moses. We will study their key teachings and their impact on believing in Judaism today. We will also be learning about festivals, customs and traditions celebrated and followed by Jewish families.

Topic

As artists we will be ... developing the use of different mediums to create images of the rainforest and rainforest creatures.

As geographers we will be... developing our knowledge of reading maps. We will also be looking at the locations of the tropics of Cancer, tropics of Capricorn, the equator and the world's rainforests. We will find out about the climate in the rainforest, the layers of the rainforest, life in the rainforest and protecting the rainforest.

Music

As musicians we will be... Exploring composition through looking at the environment.

Values

This half term we will be learning about the Values of **Trust and Honesty**. Through this we will develop our understanding of trust and honesty and how we can be trustworthy and honest people.

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



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.