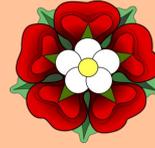


Foxes Factsheet

Spring 1.



Welcome back after the Christmas half term, I hope that you have had a peaceful and special time over Christmas and New Year.

English

As Writers we will be... reading 'The Thief, the Fool and the Big Fat King' by Terry Deary. Through learning about this story we will write our own story. We will develop our knowledge of biographies creating biographies about key figures in the Tudor period. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. We will fine tune our knowledge of paragraphs ensuring that a new paragraph is used for each new topic, each new time period and each new speaker in a conversation. 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. As part of the writing process, we will be further developing our proof reading and editing skills to improve our work. We will be practising the spellings that we commonly misspell in Foxes Class and we will also practise spelling words where apostrophes are used for omission. Also, we will continue to practise cursive handwriting.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be...

- Using our knowledge of place value to place numbers on a number line.
- Rounding numbers and applying our knowledge of rounding to estimating.
- Developing the use of mental addition and subtraction strategies
- Learning to recall multiplication and division facts for up to 12×12 .
- Learning to written multiplication and division methods
- Finding fractions of amounts
- Finding equivalent fractions
- Recognising angles
- Solving one and two step problems involving numbers and money

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

Science

As Scientists we will be... researching and investigating light. We will further develop our knowledge of natural and man made light sources. We will carry out further investigations into light, shadows and reflective materials. Following investigations we will apply the knowledge gained to designing new objects.

MFL

We will be developing our knowledge of birthdays using the story 'L'anniversaire d'Aurelie'.

Computing

As computer scientists we will be ... using ipads to record videos, and photo apps to edit images to look like Tudor paintings. We will be continuing to develop our publishing skills and use Microsoft word packages to publish our work. As well, we will use the internet to research in science and topic lessons.

PE

As sportsmen and sportswomen we will be ...developing our gymnastic skills on a Friday afternoon with Miss Finney. We will also have Burton Albion coaches on a Thursday afternoon, who will be developing the skills we use in invasion games. 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

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. We will visit a Church and learn more about what it means to 'belong' to the Christian faith.

Topic

As historians we will be...continuing to develop our knowledge of chronology through looking at the Tudors. We will be comparing life in the Tudor times to now, looking at the changes in religion during Tudor times and the life of rich and poor in the Tudor times.

As artists we will be ... looking at the famous portraits of the Tudors and recreating these.

As designers we will be ... making replica Tudor objects, food and looking at Tudor tapestries.

As geographers we will be... looking at local locations which date back to the Tudor times. We will also be looking at the explorations led by Christopher Columbus and plotting these on maps. We will also look at Sir Francis Drake leading the English Fleet against the Spanish Armada.

Music

As musicians we will be... Listening to and evaluating music from the Tudor times and learning the dances which accompanied such music.

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.

Values

This half term we will be learning about the Values of **Respect and Service**. Through this we will develop our understanding of what respect is and how we can be respectful and serve others.

We will also be taking part in workshops led by ARCH about friendships, relationships and respect.

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

