



Key Stage 1
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum newsletter
Spring Term 2018

At Foxyards we:
Respect everybody and our environment.
Aim high in everything we do.

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Welcome Back!

Here we are again and already the Christmas Holidays feel like a distant memory! On the subject of Christmas can we just say a huge thank you for all of the lovely presents we received from the children, and we hope that everyone had a happy and healthy new year.

Now that we're back the children are already well into the swing of our new topic 'Let me Entertain You'. With a focus on toys throughout history, you can imagine that this is one area of learning that all children will be able to identify very closely with and we look forward to exploring the history of toys and famous people, such as Walt Disney, who continues to have a huge impact on our lives today.

Science

This term we will begin by looking at Weather and observing the seasonal changes, including understanding why the length of daylight varies between seasons. We will then move on to looking at animals, whereby we will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates.

ICT

This term we will be developing our ICT skills, again predominantly through the use of the Purple Mash programme. We will be looking at creating animations to our creations, as well as exploring music and learning how to control, add and edit different music clips. We will continue our work on algorithms, learning more about why they are used as well as understanding how we can edit and alter them, for example, when controlling a device such as a roamer or beebot.

PE

This term we will be working towards our annual Dance festival, and so putting into practise a lot of what we learnt last term into creating some exciting routines. For the outdoor PE sessions we will be focussing on multi-skills activities.

PE days will be Tuesday and Friday for Foxes, Wednesday and Friday for Badgers and Thursday and Friday for Hedgehogs.

Music

This term we will be following our music programme, 'Charranga', and learning to sing expressively through songs, chants and rhymes. Excitingly this term, we will be working towards our first Foxyards CD and Music festival. More details of this to follow...

RE / PSHE

This term in our PSHE work we will be identifying special people in our lives. There will also be a focus on bullying, in terms of recognising it and learning how to deal with it. Through our R.E work we will looking at Christian and Sikh symbols, artefacts and places of worship.

English

This term we will be exploring a range of genres, including: traditional tales, such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We will also look at Recounts and reports, learning through texts such as 'Where the Wild Things Are', 'Gorilla' and 'Dr Xangle's Book of Earthlets'. Each genre will undergo a cycle, starting with Immersion of Text, followed by a piece of assessed writing, VCOP (where the children will develop their understanding of VCOP—Vocabulary, Conjunctions, Openers and Punctuation) to improve their writing. The last part of the cycle will contain modelling, demonstrations and up-levelling of work to improve its complexity.

Children will also read at least twice a week in a group during Guided Reading sessions as well as individual reading sessions. Please help your child by hearing them read at home in order to achieve the 'Reading at Home' certificates.

Please note: Last day for children to achieve their Silver award (60 signatures in their Home School Diary) and be part of the award day is—

Friday 23rd March.

Maths

This term we will continue our focus on Number work, interspersing this with other key areas, such as the 4 calculation operations. Our main aim within Maths is to get the children really confident and secure with number, and as a result be able to apply their knowledge to a range of different contexts and differing complexities.

Times tables will be a main focus throughout school this year, so any extra support you can give your child will be a huge help.

Homework

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and will be expected in no later than **Wednesday** morning. The homework task will be explained in class, and will generally be an activity to consolidate learning. Please encourage your child to check that they understand what they need to do, and bring it back into school on Monday to ask a teacher if they are unsure.

Please be aware that homework is a statutory requirement and helps pupils to reinforce what they have learnt in class. Incomplete homework will be completed during break and lunch times. When this occurs more frequently parents will be informed and will be involved in completing homework

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Let me Entertain You'. This will primarily focus on the children's historical understanding. They will be building an overview of world history as well as investigating and interpreting the past. The children will learn to understand the chronological order of events through timelines, as well as focussing on certain areas of history, such as the Victorian age, and making comparisons about what toys were like then compared to now. The children will learn about significant figures from history, including Walt Disney, and creating fact files about these people. Through the Art and DT part of the topic the children will develop their drawing and painting skills, creating pictures using shading and toning and learning about colour mixing. They will also be working towards creating their own toys and learning about different mechanisms that they can use in their designs so that they can produce a moving toy.



As part of the children's ongoing curriculum we aim to prepare them for life in modern Britain not only in terms of their academic studies, but also through understanding the world around them. This will include looking at 'news bite' news clips at the end of each day, which are a child-friendly way of imparting the most current news.

