



Lower Key Stage 2
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2018

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

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Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all have had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for another busy term!

Any concerns you have, please speak to a member of staff on the door in the morning who will pass any message on to members of staff. The team will endeavour to follow up any issues as quickly as possible.

Science

Our topic for the term will be 'Rocks and soil' which is linked to our topic 'Fantastic Fossils'. They will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their simple physical properties. They will then learn about fossils and understand why the Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve is such an important place. In the second half of the spring term children will be studying 'forces and magnets', where the children will identify, describe and measure various forces, including those created by a magnet.

ICT

This term we will continue to explore coding, this time through j2e. The children will also use various writing frames from Purple Mash to develop their understanding of rocks and fossils, linked to our topic and science lessons. Towards the end of the Term, the children will learn how to edit and manipulate sound through using AudioNet. Throughout the term, the children will be developing their understanding of e-safety through learning how to stay safe online.

P.E

This term in year 3 and 4 the children will be benefitting from the expertise of our sports coaches from 'Premier Sports' who will be delivering sessions once a week alongside the class teachers. During the spring term the children will have dance and games.
On Fridays, Year 3 will start with their swimming lessons at Dudley Leisure Centre.

Music

Music will be continued to be taught using Charranga. Children will learn to play a recorder which will be kept in school. Focus for this term is to play and perform in solo ensemble contexts using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

MFL

Children will continue to learn to read and speak French, building on their previous learning through the programme Rigolo.

RE & PSHE

During this year children will have the opportunity to investigate and discuss British Values. Focusing on what it means to be British and looking closely at the five key British Values. They will also be given the opportunity to watch 'News Bites' weekly, which will expose the children to the current news in the world.

During RE sessions this term, the focus will surround Holy books of various religions, where the children will name various holy books, linking them to the correct religion. They will also refer to holy books for answers and will learn about the impact of these books on today's society.

Topic

This term's topic is 'Fantastic Fossils' where the children will be learning about rocks and fossils. We will use the local 'Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve' to bring the topic to life.

As our Geography focus, we will explore the local area through:

- Using a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of a location.
- Using maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe various features.
- Using the eight point of a compass
- Using field work—linked to the Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve.
- Naming and locating countries of the UK and the wider world where famous fossils have found.

English

This term we will be exploring a range of genres, including: Adventure stories, persuasion, explanation and different forms of poetry.

Please help your child by hearing them read at home in order to achieve the 'Reading at Home' certificates. **The last date to achieve 60 signatures for the Silver award is Friday 23rd March 2018.**

Children will also be set weekly spelling, please help your child to learn these spellings at home ready for the test.

Maths

In Maths, the emphasis this term will be on further develop the children's understanding of multiplication and division, fractions and decimals. Children will also be working towards their maths challenge two. We will be focusing on written methods for the four operations of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. This will then be applied to solve various worded problems involving real life situations.

Homework

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and will be expected back on **Monday 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 on a Wednesday, and if they are unsure, bring it back into school on Thursday or Friday to ask a teacher.

There is a homework club which will take place weekly on Monday lunchtime. This will be run by Mrs Thomas 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 homework club on Monday lunchtime.