



Lower Key Stage 2  
Foxyards Primary School  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Summer 2018

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

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Welcome back! I hope you all have had a fantastic Easter 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 topics for this term are;

#### **Animals Including Humans.**

This unit teaches the importance of the right type and amount of nutrition as well as the functions of skeletons and muscles. Children will be able to explain the different ways that plants and animals including humans obtain food and the difference between food groups and nutrient groups. They will use the scientific names for the main bones in the human body and explain how the skeleton protects, supports and helps the body to move.

#### **Light**

During the 'Light' unit children will learn about light, reflections and shadows. They will learn about different sources of light, and that we need light to see. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

### **ICT**

This term we will explore moving images and animation using Revelation. Throughout the term, the children will continue to develop 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 coach, Mr Atkins, who will be delivering sessions once a week alongside the class teachers. During the summer term the children will have Outdoor Adventurous Activities, Cricket and athletics. On Fridays, Year 3 will continue with their swimming lessons at Dudley Leisure Centre.

### **Music**

Music will be continued to be taught using Charranga. Focus this term is to continue to develop playing and performing 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**

Throughout this year children have had the opportunity to investigate and discuss British Values. Focusing on what it means to be British and look 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 be on significant people of faith.

During PSHE sessions this term, children will be looking at '*Living in the wider world*'. This unit children will have the opportunity to research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events concerning health and wellbeing.

**Topic**

This term's topic is '*It's All Greek To Me!*' where the children will be learning about Ancient Greece.

The children will learn who the Ancient Greek people were, when they lived and where and how they were able to establish their empire. They will learn how the political system worked in Ancient Greece, investigate the legacy of Athenian Democracy and compare it with the political systems we have today. The children also compare and contrast the modern-day Olympics with the Ancient Greek events and use their mathematical skills to present their findings in the form of a Venn diagram. They also learn about and order events from the Battle of Marathon and write in role to present the events from a specific viewpoint. In addition to this they learn about Ancient Greek religion, research information about a variety of Greek gods and write their own Greek myth. Finally, they use historical evidence to find out about the Trojan War and use the information to write and re-enact scenes from it.

**English**

This term we will be exploring a range of genres, including: Warning 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 **90 signatures** for the **Gold award** is **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June is 2018**. The last date to achieve **180 signatures** for the **Diamond award** is **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 challenges. We will be focusing on statistics, fractions and decimals this term. 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.