



Upper Key Stage 2
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 2018

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a restful Easter break and are ready for another busy term! As you are aware this is a really important term for year 6 as they will be sitting their SATs exams the week beginning 14th **May**. Year 6 have also got their week away at Astley Burf and secondary school transition days to look forward to!

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

6W:

Mr Weaver
Phase Leader

5/6ME:

Mrs McNaney
Mrs Earnshaw

5C:

Miss Chilton

Support Staff:

Mrs Fitzgerald
Mrs Malpass-Rust
Mrs Morris

Topic

Our topic this term will be "**Battle of Britain**" Children will learn about the Second World War in Europe and why the Battle of Britain was such a significant turning point in British History. They will learn about the timeline of important events such as Chamberlain's speech at the outbreak of the war, the Battle of Britain, the heroic rescue at Dunkirk, the Blitz, the D-Day landings, the liberation of the concentration camps and the celebrations of VE Day. The children will also have the opportunity research the lives of the ordinary adults and children who faced the Blitz and had to deal with rationing and evacuation.

A trip to RAF Cosford will take place during this term.

Science

In year 5, children will be investigating 'properties and changes of materials' where the children will compare and group together everyday materials based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, including their hardness, solubility, conductivity and response to magnets. They will also have the opportunity to understand how some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

In year 6, children will be studying the units on materials before studying animals including humans, where they will explore the human circulatory system.

ICT

This term we will be using a wide range of skills in ICT. We will be using Purple Mash, a program for combining text and graphics to create various databases. We will also be using software to present information, sound and graphics, such as J2e and Power point. E-safety will take a pivotal part throughout the term.

RE & PSHE

During this year children will continue to 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, children will be taught about '*people of faith*', explaining some of the differing ways that believers show their teachings and ideas.

P.E

This term in year 5 and 6 the children will be benefitting from the expertise of our sports coach who will be delivering sessions on a Monday and Friday alongside class teachers. During the summer term the children will be doing athletics tri-golf and cricket. After SATs, Y6 will also get extra PE sessions weekly on a Wednesday, led by Dudley College. Children will need their PE kits in school on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** every week.

MFL

The year 5 and 6 staff will continue to teach the children to read, write and speak French, building on their previous learning.

English

Pupils will revisit all styles of writing in English, making links with our topic where appropriate. Foxyards will also be encouraging the children to enjoy, and develop, their reading by using whole quality texts in English lessons.

Children will also read at least once a week during guided reading sessions to an adult. Please help your child by hearing them read at home in order to achieve the 'Reading at Home' certificates.

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

Maths

Children will continue to build on the progress they made last term in all areas of maths using their skill ladders. Year 5 and 6 will continue to focus on improving mental maths and consolidate formal written methods for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

The Maths Challenges will continue again this term with children working towards Maths Challenge three.

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 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 now a homework club which will take place weekly on Monday lunchtime. This will be run by Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hughes.

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.