



Key Stage 1
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum newsletter
Autumn 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 at the beginning of another new and exciting year! Welcome back to all of our Year 2 children who were superstars in their first year in KS1 last year, and a warm welcome to all of our new children joining KS1 this year. As always, welcome and thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support. The team are looking forward to another year of fun-filled learning with the children.

Should you have any concerns or queries please speak to a member of staff on the door in the morning. If you would like to speak to a teacher then an appointment can be made for the end of the day. As many of you will already be aware we also have our class dojo system. By signing up to this as a parent you will not only be able to see how your child is getting on in terms of praise points, but you will also be able to send a message which will go straight to your child's class teacher, should you need to.

Science

This term we will begin by looking at Materials, whereby the children will learn to identify the properties and uses of a variety of natural and man-made materials. The children will find out and explain how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will then link this learning into our topic work through looking at suitable materials to make a Princess tower or Knights shield.

ICT

This term we will be using purple mash a lot to begin with for various different activities to help the children navigate their way around the computer programs. The children will be expected to know what an algorithm is and as a result express simple algorithms (sequence of instructions) using symbols and other devices such as Beebots. The algorithms the children produce will again be topic linked, and will focus on providing instructions e.g. for the Knight to reach the castle. Teaching the children all about e-safety will also be paramount to the structure of lessons.

PE

This term we will be learning about dance and gymnastics. We will follow simple movement patterns to perform dances about the weather and seasons. Following on from this we will look at gymnastics, where we will also learn to sequence different ways of moving using apparatus. We will continue to work alongside our Sports coach throughout the week.

PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday 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. We will also be learning to play instruments musically. These will predominantly be focussed on percussion instruments and learning how to play simple, and later on, more complex beats.

RE

This term we will be studying the main stories of Christianity, including Advent and The Nativity. We will learn about other religions, and the main festivals celebrated, such as the Hindu festival of Diwali. We will also be looking at understanding our own values, morals and beliefs and respecting the differences between peoples feelings.

PSHE

This term we will be learning about different aspects of a healthy lifestyle including physical activity, healthy eating and personal hygiene. We will also be focusing on how to manage our feelings regarding change and loss.

English

This term we will be continuing our Talk for Writing program of teaching and learning across the school. Each year group will focus on a text for a 3 week cycle at a time. During this time the children will learn the text by heart, they will learn to recognise key features of writing within the text, and they will then create their own versions of the text. We will also continue to have a class story everyday.

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 Bronze award** (30 signatures in their Home School Diary) and be part of the award day is—
Tuesday 11th December.

Reminder—there will be a Reading workshop for Parents and Carers—Wednesday 26th September at 2pm

Maths

This term we will begin by focusing on Number, as this is the main area within Maths. This will include place value, counting in steps of 2,3,5 and 10, as well as learning number facts such as number bonds to 10 and times tables, which will be incorporated into the Maths Challenges again this year. We will then move onto calculation, which focuses on the four operations of +, -, x and ÷. This will then be applied to solve various worded problems involving money and measures.

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 diaries for their children.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Dungeons and Dragons'. We will begin the term by looking at the history of castles, predominantly focussing on our own links through Dudley Castle, as well as other castles which the children may be familiar with (Including Warwick Castle which will coincide with our autumn trip). Through artefacts, pictures, stories and online sources we will learn what it was like for people living in Medieval times. We will then move onto our geographical learning and discover the features and purposes of castles. We will use simple fieldwork and observational skills through our trip to Dudley Castle to help us with our learning. Throughout our topic work we will produce beautiful artwork in the form of paintings—such as those created by Paul Klee, as well as learning about collaging skills and creating our own shields and Coat of Arms. The design and technology aspect of our work will look at medieval tools, as well as understanding what food was like and producing our own versions of Pottage!



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 during the week, which are a child-friendly way of imparting the most current news.

