



Lower Key Stage 2
Foxyards Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2019

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 'States of matter', where the children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will also investigate how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and will begin to measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius. Finally, they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

ICT

This term we will be using the online programme Purple Mash to research about the Ancient Egyptians. We will also continue to develop the children's understanding of coding through using 2Code as well as using PowerPoint to create information books which combine images, text and sounds. Finally, they will use Compose World Junior to explore and make a tune based on the Ancient Egyptians. 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 coach, Mr Atkins, who will be delivering P.E. sessions alongside the class teachers. During the spring term the children will have dance and games.

On Fridays, Year 3 will start 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 Judaism where the children will learn about religious buildings and research different artefacts. They will also learn about different celebrations linked to the religion.

Topic

The majority of this term's topic is based around the acquiring and application of Historical skills. Throughout this topic, children will be learning about life in Ancient Egyptian times and will be comparing this to life in modern day Egypt. We will be focussing on the following areas:

- Understanding when the Ancient Egyptian period took place and where this relates chronologically compared to British periods of time the children are familiar with.
- Investigating sources and evidence that have survived.
- Exploring a case study of Tutankhamun, one of Ancient Egypt's most famous Pharaohs.
- Exploring changes in Geography from Ancient to Modern day Egypt.
- Exploring religious beliefs and views of the Ancient Egyptians, in particular the process mummification.

At the end of the term the children will be presenting their learning in the form of a museum, we will be inviting visitors to attend and view all the children's hard work and creative homework creations.

English

This term we will be exploring a range of genres, including: traditional tales, recounts, and different forms of poetry, making links with our topic where appropriate. These genres will be supported by various texts linked to our topic for the term, 'Ancient Egyptians', such as 'The Egyptian Cinderella', 'The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess' and 'The Scarab's Secret'

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. **The last date to achieve 60 signatures for the Silver award is Friday 5th April 2019.**

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 place value, counting, rounding and learning known facts such as number bonds and times tables, which will continue to be a vital part of the Maths Challenges this term. We will then move onto calculation, which focuses 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.