

Fantastic Mr Fox

PE kits: please ensure that your child always has a PE kit in school.

Homework: homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Reading: please listen to your child read as much as possible. Their school reading and library book will be changed once a week.

Spelling: a spelling sheet will be given out on Mondays and a spelling test will be given on Fridays.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



Class Three, Autumn 1

Mr Carr

Literacy

In our literacy lessons this half term we will be reading Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox* and creating a variety of work inspired by the novel.

Alongside this novel, we will also be reading lots of picture books and non-fiction books based on this animal/woodland theme.

Our writing will focus on character description this half term. Year 1s will be developing their ability to write in sentences and the Year 2s will be working on using adjectives in their writing.

The Year 1s and 2s will have a phonics lesson every day to aid their reading and spelling. Year 1s will be starting Phase 4 which focuses on reading words with groups of consonants next to each other (for example **rust**). Year 2s will be revising what they learnt in Phase 5 last year before starting Phase 6 which focuses on spelling rules.

Maths

At the start of the half term, our maths learning will focus on number facts, addition and subtraction. Year 1s will build on their knowledge of the numbers 1-20 and the Year 2s 1-100. We will be solving problems to do with more than and less than, putting numbers in order, and counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s and 5s. Year 2s will start to understand the place value of a two-digit number, partitioning them into tens and units.

We will also be looking at money, time and shape.

Science

Our science topic is all about animals and humans. Year 1s will be learning about different types of animals including birds, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Year 2s will work on recognising that animals have offspring which grow up into adults and about what all animals need to survive (water, food and air).

Computing

In computing we will be looking at algorithms. Using Beebots and apps on the iPad, the children will input instructions into technology in order to achieve a specific task. The children will evaluate their algorithms and consider how to improve them.

History

We will be learning about the lives of significant people from the past and present in our History lessons this half term. We will be focusing on children's authors and comparing the literature and lives of these authors throughout history. We will begin by learning about Roald Dahl, author of *Fantastic Mr Fox* and whose 100th birthday is on September 13th of this year. After Dahl, we will compare him to authors past and present such as William Blake, Rudyard Kipling, Judith Kerr and Oliver Jeffers.

DT

Taking *Fantastic Mr Fox* as inspiration, in our DT lessons this half term we will be creating dens that can shelter an animal. We will begin by looking at the structure of a fox den before going into the woodland and making our own. We will be using our critical skills throughout as we evaluate our plans and structures and try to improve them.

SEAL

Class Three will be learning about 'New Beginnings' in SEAL this half term with Mrs Dixon.

RE

In RE this half term, Class Three will be learning about churches and how a church reflects the Christian faith.

PE

Class Three will be having two gymnastics lessons a week this half term. We will be looking at a variety of ways of travelling, balancing, jumping and rolling and sequencing these into routines.