



# Curriculum News



## Fox Class Autumn 2020

*Welcome back after the summer holidays, and for some of you after Lockdown too! We hope that you have all kept well and managed to enjoy the summer. We are delighted to welcome the Year 1s into our class and it is lovely to see the other Year 2s settle back into Fox Class so easily.*

### **Curriculum Outline**

#### **Numeracy**

In Maths there will be an emphasis on practical activities and problem solving, as well as using a wide range of apparatus. Number work will include counting in twos, fives and tens. We will work on addition and subtraction and looking for patterns. We will be finding fractions of shapes and numbers. The children will be using money to find totals and start to give change. They will be sorting and interpreting data using a variety of methods. Hopefully many of the Year 2s will have completed their 'telling the time' challenge - if not please keep working at this!

#### **Literacy**

This term Literacy will include the teaching of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The Year 1 children and some Year 2 will continue to be having a daily phonics session and may be grouped according to their need. Some children may bring home sounds fairly soon that they have not quite grasped from last year. Every child will then bring home new sounds once we have covered them, in preparation for the Year 1 phonics test in June. The rest of the Year 2 children will be having daily 'No nonsense spelling' sessions, which will combine spelling, phonics and grammar. We will be having extra phonics sessions each week in addition to this in preparation for the 'Phonics Screening test' later this term (which they missed in June). All children will be given spellings on Mondays in a yellow folder and they will be tested the following Monday in a yellow book. The children will read regularly in class. Each child will read to Mrs Ward or Miss Brown at least once every fortnight, as well as to other adults in the classroom whenever possible. We will also be working on Reading Comprehension. The children have the opportunity to change their reading book every day. **Please remind your child to put their book bag in the 'green box' in the classroom if it needs to be changed.** We will practise cursive handwriting in class. It is really important that you encourage your child to form their letters correctly when they write at home too. These letters can be found at the front of their reading diaries.

#### **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

Our topic this term is 'People'. We will be learning about ourselves and our families. We will study a range of different people who have changed our world for the better. We will also look at the work of artists past and present who specialised in creating images of people.

In **Science** we will be looking at living things and their habitats. This will include discussing what living organisms need to stay alive and well, food chains and how animals obtain their food.

In **RE** we will explore how light is an important symbol in Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism.

The children will continue to learn **German** using the 'Dinocrocs' scheme and German songs.

The children will be using **ICT** in most curriculum areas. We will start to do some programming, including using programmable toys. The children will also learn how to film steps of a recipe.

#### **PSHE**

Our topic this term is 'Relationships'.

In **Music** the children will learn the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.

They will listen and appraise other styles of music and embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games.

#### **Physical**

PE may look a bit different this term, due to the current Covid restrictions. All PE sessions will take place outside and your child needs to come to school in their PE kits on these days – Mondays and Thursdays. They will remain in their PE kits all day. Please make sure that your child's hair is tied up if needed and that they are not wearing any jewellery.

### Homework

**Year 1s** will be given a Maths game or activity each week. We will give these out on **Fridays**. Please return the following Friday.

**Y2 homework** will be given out on Fridays and this will be explained in the homework books. Children will usually have a couple of weeks to complete this.

### Water

Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. We will not be able to provide cups due to the current covid situation.

### Show and Tell

In Fox Class the children have a chance to do a 'show or tell' every other week. Please see the timetable below and keep a note of your child's dates. We encourage children to bring in things that they have made or collected, rather than toys. Please make sure that the item is sanitised before it is brought into school.

<u>Week Beginning</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
14/9 28/9 12/10 2/11 16/11 30/11 14/12	Evelyn Joshua Austin	Albie Flynn Olivia	Sonali Jenson Casper	William Drew Archie	Vera Pepe Gracie Ella
21/9 5/10 19/10 (3 days) 9/11 23/11 7/12	Cole Brooke Thea	Maxwell Tyler Imogen	Anthony Jacob Ruby	Georgina Henry Wright Henry Webb	Arun Isabella Indie

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or worries. Thank you for all your support.

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