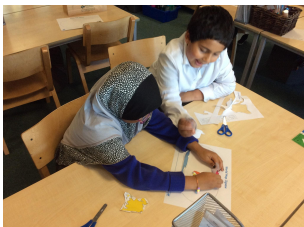


Foxfield Year 3 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

4th November 2022

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term! We've had a great start to the year and the children have produced incredible learning outcomes, which we were proud to celebrate through the classroom displays that were updated before the half term break.



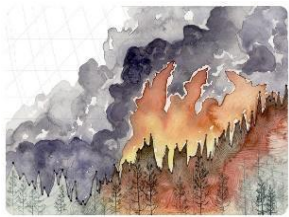
During Autumn 2, Year 3 will be becoming outstanding geographers! We will begin with developing our continental knowledge and locating the UK on a map. We will also be assessing our prior knowledge of Europe, plotting as many countries in relation to each other. Through describing key features of a locality, we will further enhance our knowledge of geographical features, including researching different mountains and rivers in the UK. Our orienteering skills will also be developed, where we will be comparing a range of maps, including topographical maps, road maps and even climatic maps! Furthermore, we will also be applying our knowledge on compass directions by using an 8 point compass to describe locations in the UK. Through our geography journey, we will also be enhancing our digital skills to create our own google site of information! We hope to present these to our peers throughout the half term, celebrating all our knowledge and wonder.

In English we will be exploring the theme of Sustainable Development and thinking about how we, as humans, can take responsibility for the environment and the people and animals that live on our planet. Our core text will be 'Greta's Story' by Valentina Camerini which is a story of a young climate activist and her fight for change. We will be exploring the emotional journey undertaken by the characters through and will link this to our own lives, creating our own autobiographies. We will then deepen our understanding of the impact of climate change, which we will use to build towards a first person persuasive speech as our final writing outcome. We will then be performing these speeches using our oracy skills.



In Maths this half term, we will be completing our unit on addition and subtraction and deepening this learning further through reasoning questions and problem solving questions. We will be adding and subtracting using formal written methods such as column method and also consolidating our knowledge using manipulatives including dienes and place value charts. As we move further into the half term, we will move on to multiplication, starting by exploring patterns that we can identify within particular times tables. Our focus for this term will be the 4 and 8 times tables.

In Science, our topic is Animals and Humans and we will be learning about our skeletal system and the function of muscles and bones inside our bodies. We will also analyse what foods make up a balanced diet and consider the effect exercise has on our bodies. Start to have a think about what types of food consist within your diet at home, can you share some healthy meals with the rest of the class?



This term, our Art learning journey will link to the artist we will be studying, Jill Pelto. Through different mediums such as watercolour, we will be exploring concepts such as foreground and background to create watercolour art pieces of landscapes from around the world.

In PE we will be developing a range of skills through invasion games. We will be developing our agility when moving around the hall and practising our accuracy to strike an intended static object. We will ensure we show the character skill of collaboration, by communicating as a team to stop a ball in motion.



This term, we will be learning about Christianity in RE. We will begin by thinking about the importance of the Bible and the difference between the Old and New Testament. We will then be exploring the Ten Commandments and how these link to morality and our school values and character skills. During RSE, we will be focusing on the theme of 'Relationships: families and friendships' and 'Money and work.' We will begin by exploring the role of a family and how families support each other, after which we will move on to learning about the job industry, including different career pathways and how to achieve these.

Reading every day is essential. Please support your child at home and take the time to read a range of different texts which include newspapers, comics, fiction texts, blogs, information books. Children are encouraged to change their book every week and record their comments in their reading journal. We've planned for a brilliant term of whole class reading, where we will be reading and analysing a range of different engaging text types that we are sure the children will love!

We welcome parental involvement in the life of our school. If you are able to visit the school or help in any way, please contact any member of the year 3 team. Don't forget to follow all of our learning and interact with us through our twitter pages:

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