



Welcome to Foxes Class Years 3 and 4, Autumn Term 1



Our curriculum project this half term is **'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'** with a geography focus to teach the children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including an exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. We will learn about the different layers of the Earth, including plate tectonics and their potential effects on the Earth's surface. We will investigate different types of rock to learn about their names, uses and properties. We will investigate soil and fossils, including learning about the work of Mary Anning and her famous dinosaur fossil discoveries.

English

We will use a variety of books to support and engage the children's learning this term. They will focus on retelling of stories, rewriting stories and newspaper reports.

- class novel: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- guided reading – using VIPERS we will focus on The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl.

Spellings. We will use Active Spelling in the classroom, learning new words daily.

Geography

In Rocks, Relics and Rumbles, we will investigate:

- There are lots of different types and sizes of volcanoes.
- The Earth's surface is made up of lots of pieces called tectonic plates.
- These plates can slide against each other, which lets magma from underneath squeeze up through the cracks.
- When tectonic plates move, it also causes earthquakes.
- The key events of a volcanic eruption.

So, by the end of the term, children can describe how volcanoes are created and describe how earthquakes are created.

Science - Rocks

- Compare and group rocks based on their appearance, properties and uses.
- Describe simply how fossils are formed, using words, pictures and models.
- Investigate soils from the local environment, making comparisons and identifying features.

Maths

Children will develop their skills and concept of:

- place value
- addition and subtraction
- multiplying single digits

Weekly focussed times tables which will also form part of homework tasks weekly.

History

Mary Anning and her discoveries of sedimentary rocks and fossilised remains of ancient sea creatures in Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Art

- gestural drawing (making free, intuitive sketches to see the 'whole' before putting down the detail)
- using charcoal and different techniques

PSHE

Being me in my world. We will be learning:

- how to work/play well with others.
- Explain how our behaviour can affect how others feel and behave.
- Explain why it is important to have rules and how that helps them and others in their class learn.

RE

Hinduism Believing. We will explore some central Hindu beliefs and discover ways in which they are reflected in Hindu worship both at home and in the mandir. We will investigate how are deities and key figures described in Hindu sacred texts and stories.

French

We will revise colours, then focus on head and body parts. We finish the term with nursery rhymes.

Wood School

Wood school takes place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has adequate outdoor clothing and footwear.

Computing

Connecting computers. We will develop our understanding of digital devices, with an initial focus on inputs, processes, and outputs. We will also compare digital and non-digital devices. Finally, we will discover the benefits of connecting devices in a network.

PE

Outdoor and adventurous activities. This term covers fundamental skills needed for outdoor adventurous activities, including teamwork, problem-solving, communication and orienteering.

Music

Musical Structures.

In this unit, we ask 'How Does Music Bring Us Together?' The Social Question evolves as the children move through the scheme while encouraging them to be responsible and kind citizens of the world.

Other Notes:

PE this term is on Friday afternoon. Please remember children will need their PE kit in school.

Children will be heard reading at least once a week. Please read on a regular basis at home throughout the week.

Please practice times tables with your child: x2, x3, x5 and x10 this term and encourage them to use their TT Rockstars account.

We are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead!