



Term Summer II 2016

Class/Dosbarth: 3 "Foxes" Teacher/Athrawes: Ms S Thayer

Dear/Annwyl Parents,

I would like to inform you of the work and activities planned for Class 3 "Foxes" this half term:

Literacy

Literacy sessions will occur daily. Monday to Friday your child will take part in a RWInc phonic session or a Literacy "building blocks" session. These sessions will develop the pupil's reading skills focussing on fluency, accuracy and their understanding of texts and the improvement of their basic grammar skills.

Other literacy sessions will focus on genre writing.

This half term our focus genre will be fiction and drama by long established authors. We will be exploring the features of the genre. After learning about the features used pupils will be creating their own story passages and play scenes in the style of the author. Pupils will then work with a partner to edit and improve their work.



Pupils will take part in a guided reading session on a daily basis. They will take part in a group reading session weekly and will be set tasks related to their reading in other sessions. A book will also be sent home. **It is vital that the children read at home as well as in school and that they are supported with this.** As well as listening to your child read, it is important that you ask them questions about the book to ensure they have understood what they're reading.

Maths

This half term in Maths we will be covering the following subjects:

- Counting, properties of numbers (*recognising two-digit and three-digit multiples of 2,5,10*)
- Addition (*using written methods of calculation of HTU and HTU, solving money and "real life" word problems*)
- Subtraction (*using written methods of calculation, solving money and "real life" word problems*)
- Multiplication (*using known facts and place value to multiply mentally*)
- Division (*using known facts and place value to divide mentally*)
- Money and "real life" problems (*choosing appropriate number operations and calculation methods to solve problems with one or more steps*)
- Problem solving (*choosing appropriate number operations and calculation methods to solve word problems and to explain their working*).
- Capacity (*reading scales, recording measurements using mixed units or to nearest whole/half unit*)
- Use of a calendar.
- Compass directions.
- Recognising symmetry of shapes.



Science

Topic - "Our Bodies"

In Science pupils will be finding out about senses, other animal skeletons and healthy diets. They will also be learning about teeth and the effect of food and substances on their teeth and how to keep teeth healthy. Pupils will be discussing and debating scientific ideas. Pupils will be researching information, planning an investigation and carrying out a "fair test" and graphing data. Pupils will be classifying food types and considering their importance to a healthy diet.



Foundation Subjects

Welsh Second Language

The children will be using our "Pecyn Oren" Welsh pack to develop the following skills:

- To ask and answer questions in Welsh.
- To develop Welsh reading skills.
- To express opinions in Welsh.
- To write a postcard in Welsh.
- To write a book review in Welsh.
- To read a Welsh poem.

ICT (Information Communication Technology)

This half term the focus will be:

- Improving and editing work.
- Inserting pictures from clip art.
- Devising a simple power point presentation.
- Creating e-mails.
- Sending e-mails.
- Sending attachments.
- Opening attachments.
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Cornerstones Topic

Ancient Greece - History of the Olympic Games

P.E. (Physical Education)

PE this half term will focus on developing athletics skills and swimming.

PSE (Personal, Social and Emotional Education)

Our theme for the half term is "*Changes*" - children will be focusing on recognising feelings, exploring feelings, managing feelings and showing empathy.

R.E. - Buddhism will be investigated by the children.

Art , Design and Technology

This half term we will be covering the following topics:

- Sketching techniques.
- Looking at landscapes.
- Designing sportswear.

Music

This half term we will be listening to music inspired by Greece

Other Information:

- PE will be taught every Friday and children will require the following kit: shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school polo shirt (daps/trainers are optional).

Home Learning

Home learning is sent out on a **FRIDAY** and should be returned by the following **FRIDAY**.

Spellings are also sent out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Please support your child with both their homework and in learning their spellings and times tables.

Home learning is an integral part of your child's education as the activities are set to build on previously learned concepts or to introduce new ideas. It also allows you to have a greater insight into what your child is studying.

Rewards will be given for homework returned on time.

I hope you will find this information useful. **May I extend a warm invitation to anyone who is willing to help and support us in the classroom in any way.** If you have any expertise which we could utilise, please let me know. I am always on the lookout for some extra talents to share with the children.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support. If you have any queries/questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year.



Ms S Thayer

Mr. M Gough

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Gough', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Class Teacher

Headteacher