



Marston Thorold's Primary School Newsletter

Yearly Newsletter

Fox Class: 2026 - 2027

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and are well rested and ready to enjoy lots of new learning this year. I am delighted to be welcoming the children back to school and I look forward to hearing all about the exciting things you have done. Foxes Class will be taught by Mrs Doyle Monday - Wednesday and Mrs Richardson on Thursday and Friday. Information about our learning will be on our class page on the website but if you ever have any questions please feel free to catch me, Mrs Richardson or any of the other staff in the playground before or after school as we are happy to help!



What's happening in Autumn Term

In Geography, Foxes will be studying the features of rivers and this topic will also influence the children's first writing where they will be creating an explanation text describing how a river travels from source to sea. The children's first big piece of writing will be sent off to Grantham Library! In Autumn 2, the children will be creating their own legend story based on 'The Waterhorse' by Dick King Smith. In Maths, we begin by focusing on number and place value. Year 3s will be studying 3 digit numbers while Year 4s will be exploring 4 digit numbers. They will then go onto addition and subtraction using both mental and formal written methods. Throughout the Autumn term, our Science topic is Forces and Magnets.

During computing lessons, the children will be learning how to code as well as touch typing. In French lessons, which will begin in Autumn 2, the children will learn vocabulary for greetings as well as simple descriptive language. At the end of Autumn 1, we will have a DT week where the children will be cooking their own spaghetti bolognaises. Our RE learning will have the children finding out about how different communities welcome new life into the world. Foxes will also be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning and we hope you can join us for a cuppa and a cake!

What's happening in Spring Term?

Our first piece of writing will have the children creating their own mystery stories based on the book 'I know what you did Last Wednesday' by Anthony Horowitz. We will then move on to writing a diary which will be based on 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. This class story will also link with our History based topic in Autumn 1 where the children will discover who the Ancient Egyptians were. In Maths lessons, the children will begin to look at statistical data and then move onto multiplication and division of 2 and 3 digit numbers. During Spring 2, we will also cover measurement, fractions and geometry. In Science, the children will be studying Animals including humans, focussing on what keeps us healthy, skeletons and how muscles help with movement.

Geography had a focus on European countries and the children will be comparing Madrid to the East Midlands.

During DT lessons, the children will be learning about electrical systems and will create their own torch. Music lessons will see the children learn about samba and carnival instruments. In RE, we will learn about how different cultures celebrate marriage. Foxes will also be leading the Easter Church Service and we hope you are able to join us for our performance.

What's happening in Summer Term?

Using 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka, the children will create their own persuasive letter in English lessons. In Summer 2, inspired by 'Wing It', a short animation film the children will create their own adventure story. In Maths, the children will be continuing to consolidate their knowledge of the formal written methods for the four operations. During this term, the Year 4s will complete a Statutory Times Table Test. In Science, the children will learn about plants before moving onto the topic animals including humans where they will learn about the digestive system.

As our History topic is studying the Ancient Mayans, we will be going on an exciting trip to Cadbury World for all things chocolate. In RE, the children will be considering what people believe about the afterlife in different communities. During French lessons, the children will be learning vocabulary for different French foods as well as sampling some! Music lessons will have a singing focus with a link to scat and jazz motif. PSHE will be revisiting Online Safety.

PE

Children are required to bring their PE kits to school at the beginning of the term and leave them on their pegs. Please ensure they have trainers as part of their PE kit for outdoor activities. During **Autumn Term**, Foxes PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

In the **Spring** and **Summer Terms**, Foxes PE days will be **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Weekly swimming lessons will be on a Wednesday morning for all of Fox Class.



Rewards

In school we love to reward all children for fantastic behaviour, amazing work, following our 'bests' and showing our school values. Individually, children will receive Values Points and will be rewarded when they reach certain points. As a class, we will collect Class Credits and are aiming to achieve 100, when we can then choose a class treat!

Homework

Children will receive a 'Homework Bingo Grid' at the start of each new term. The tasks and activities will be linked to our learning in class and children can choose which they will complete at home. One task should be handed in every fortnight.

Reading

Children will continue to use Accelerated Reader to quiz books they have read. At the start of each term they will complete an assessment to determine which book level is most appropriate for them. They will then be able to select books to read and once read they can then test their understanding by completing the quiz linked to the book. Alongside their reading book, they will also be able to take home a reading for pleasure book. This book can be outside of their reading range and therefore will not be quizzed on. If this book is below their reading level, they might like to read it to a younger sibling or if the book is above their reading level we encourage them to read it with an adult taking it in turns to read parts of the book.



Please endeavour to listen to your child read every night for 10-15 minutes as this will make a huge difference to their progress in reading.

Spelling

The children will receive spellings on a **Friday** which will be **tested** on the following **Friday**.

In spelling lessons, we will continue to use 'Active Spelling' four times a week. In these lessons, the children will revisit 6 words that they have previously learnt as well as focusing on spelling patterns for 2 focus words. The 10 focus words for the week along with the Y3/4 Statutory spelling words and activities for learning spelling patterns will be posted on the class web page to further practise at home.

Website

<https://www.marstonthorolds.lincs.sch.uk/fox-class-year-3-year-4-2/>

Our website contains a wealth of information that you may find helpful.

On your child's class page, you can find:

- Homework grids
- Knowledge organisers
- Photo updates
- Spellings

On our main website, you can find information about our:

- Policies and reports
- Term dates
- Newsletters
- School information
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