Marston Thorold's Primary School Newsletter

Yearly Newsletter

Fox Class: 2025 - 2026

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 not just over the holidays but also while I have been on maternity leave! 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 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?

The Stone Age will be our History topic for the whole of the Autumn term with our English text in Autumn 1, The Stone Age Boy, linked to this too where we will write a non-chronological report. We will then be writing a persuasive leaflet based around the text The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe. 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. In Autumn 1, our Science topic is Electricity followed by Rocks and Fossils in Autumn 2.

Our RE learning will begin with looking at what it is like to follow God with a focus on Christianity and then move on to learning about Islam. In PE we will be learning the skills of Netball as well as using the wheelchairs from Inspire+. In DT the children will learn to code their own micro-bit and design and create their own wearable item to put it in. Then in Autumn 2 we will move to Art and study prehistoric art linked into our History Topic. In Computing, the children will revisit e-safety and then focus on emails. In Autumn 2 we will then learn greetings and adjectives in French. We will focus on Family and Relationships and then move onto Health and Wellbeing in our PSHE lessons.

What's happening in Spring Term?

Our first piece of writing will have a poetry focus inspired by 'A Year of Nature Poems'. We will then move on to writing instructions to link with our DT work of designing and sewing a cushion. In Spring 2 our English unit will be inspired by The Wild Robot. In Science, the children will be studying sound and finding out about how sounds are made as well as how they can be altered. After this, they will be learning about States of Matter in order to compare and group materials. In Geography we will be learning about our European neighbours and then in Autumn 2, we return to History to find out how the Romans changed Britain.

In RE, we will learn about Hinduism and the Holy Trinity. Our Year 3s will begin swimming lessons this term in PE while our Year 4s focus on fundamental skills and badminton. The children will also participate in gymnastics and dance lessons. During Music lessons across both Spring terms, The Lincolnshire Music Service will be teaching an instrument from the brass family and we will have a class performance of this at the end of Spring 2. In computing the children will be learning about spreadsheets.

What's happening in Summer Term?

Using Snow Leopard: Grey Ghost of the Mountain, the children will create their own explanation text in English lessons. In Summer 2, inspired by Cinnamon, the children will create their own story with an alternative ending. 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. Throughout the Summer terms, our Science topic will be Living Things and their Habitats which will include learning about different types of skeletons, the function of bones, how muscles work and how to keep healthy. In Geography, following on from our European neighbours topic, we will be focussed on countries and cities of the UK.

In RE, the children will be considering why Christians call Good Friday 'good' as well as reflecting on what it means to lead a good life. In DT, the children will be looking at different mechanisms and consequently will design, make and decorate their own pneumatic toy. In Computing, the children will be coding.

PE

Children are required to bring their PE kits to school at the beginning of the term and leave them on their pegs so they will always have the correct kit in school with them. During **Autumn Term**, Foxes PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday.**

In the **Spring** and **Summer Terms**, Foxes PE days will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Year 3 will be attending weekly swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning .

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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

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 **Tuesday** which will be **tested** on the following **Monday**.

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

Link to class page

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
- School meals
- SEND

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