

Foxes Class information:**P.E:**

Our P.E afternoon will be **Wednesday** this term with our SportsCool coach, Dan. Please can children come in wearing their PE kit, remember you may need a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

Home Learning:

Our Home Learning focus for this term will be reading and recalling our Tricky Words. Please make sure your child reads to you daily. Little and often! If you would like some extra activities to complete at home, please log-in to Purple Mash and TTRS. Your child's log-in can be found in their Reading Record.

Reading Books:

We aim to change the children's reading books on a Monday and a Thursday. This is to ensure the children become familiar and confident with the texts they bring home. Please look after our precious books, thank you!

Our school website address is:

www.hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk

Dates for your diary:

For important dates please see the Hamsey website.

We will be having a Phonics Workshop during the first term. Please keep an eye out for a date on the Friday bulletin.

Things you could try at home to enrich our Project:

Cook some Greek food.

Visit Shoreham Airport... take a picnic and do some plane spotting.

Choreograph a Greek dance.

Can you make or decorate a vase in a Greek style?

We look forward to celebrating your learning so please feel free to bring in anything you would like to share with your class.

Welcome to Foxes Class

Curriculum Information History

**Discover: Ancestors
Ancient Greeks and Flight
Terms 1 and 2**



Teacher: Mr Dean and Mrs Baker

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mann

ENGLISH

In Terms 1 and 2 we will be studying texts that are linked to our Ancestors, the Ancient Greeks, and Flight and considering the question: 'Should we always do as we are told?'. We will read a wide range of texts, fiction and non-fiction, to practise reading for different purposes and to identify themes within these texts. These books will form the basis and inspiration for our writing and be used to widen our vocabulary. Our main texts will be 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden. Our writing focus will include writing a narrative (myth), historical research and analysis through our project work.

We will continue to partake in daily phonics sessions using our Rocket Phonics scheme. The children will also be learning how to write in the cursive style in daily handwriting sessions. We will also explore common spelling patterns together.

MATHEMATICS

Our main focus at the beginning of Term 1 will be place value and understanding number. The children will be representing numbers to 100 using objects and pictorial representations. To ensure a deeper understanding of number, children will also be solving simple reasoning problems around place value.

We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The children will learn written methods of addition and subtraction and look at the relationship between addition and subtraction.

HISTORY

Our focus for Terms 1 and 2 will be following an historical enquiry. We will be historical detectives, discovering information about the Ancient Greeks and Flight.

We will be studying a variety of primary and secondary sources to support our research. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the Trojan Wars, building of Parthenon, first Olympic games, Ancient Greek city states, gods and goddesses, schools, and the legacy of the Ancient Greeks.

We will also be researching a timeline of flight. For example, Montgolfier Brothers, the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, Concorde, Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake.

Our Project is:

History
Discover: Ancestors

Concepts: Democracy, Equality, Legacy, and Influence.

The Big Questions:
Should we always do as we are told?

P.E.

We will have our weekly PE session on Wednesday afternoons. Please remember to come to school wearing your PE kit.

This term the P.E. focus is Multi-Skills and Team Games.

We will also be doing our Daily Mile each day to ensure we keep fit and active.

We will have frequent 'brain breaks' using Jumpstart Johnny and Cosmic Kids yoga.

SCIENCE

In Term 1 we shall be looking at the changes in the seasons as summer turns to autumn. We will use our beautiful school grounds to spot signs of autumn together.

We will then focus our learning on animals (including humans). We will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals, including: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will look at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E we will be exploring our Zones of Regulation and how the children can use strategies to identify their own feelings and regulate emotions. We will discuss how all feelings are valid and think about what tools help us to feel calm, relaxed and ready to learn.

R.E.

In RE, we will be learning about how Christians believe the world was made in 7 days. In Term 2, the topic is What is it like to follow God? We will read stories such as Noah's Ark to explore this question.

ART & DT

As part of our Art and DT projects we will be developing all the incredible Art and DT skills that we learnt in the summer term. We will be drawing images inspired by Ancient Greek myths, sketching in the style of other artists, creating our own Trojan horses and, later in Term 2, creating our own models of flight. As part of our DT cookery sessions, we will be making our own Greek salad. Delicious!

COMPUTING

In Computing we shall be learning about how to stay safe when using computers and the internet.

We shall explore using different computer programmes on the PC and iPad using Purple Mash.

MUSIC

This term we will be looking at different genres of music with Mrs Robertson in her music assembly. We will discuss which instruments are used and how the music makes us feel.

We will also be learning our class song for our Harvest Festival.