

Foxes Class Information:

P.E.

Our P.E session with Sports Cool will be on **Tuesdays** this term. Please can children come in wearing their PE kit; remember they may need a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

Homework

There will be a homework task every term for your child to complete linked to project work. We are looking forward to the children sharing them with the class.

Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your child read every day and write in the reading diary. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

School website:

www.hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk

The link to **Google Classrooms** can be found on the website or you can visit <https://classroom.google.com/>

Dates for your diary:

For important dates please see the Hamsey website, bulletin and newsletters.

A reminder that our Cumnor House science visit is on Wednesday 18th January.

Things you could try at home to enrich this term's project:

- Research an animal that is endangered.
- Read a book about climate change and think of small ways that you can make a difference.
- Go on a walk and think about the ways that we can support our local habitat.

Welcome to Foxes Class

Curriculum Information Geography & DT

Explore: Danger

Terms 3 & 4

Concepts:

Beauty, Stewardship and Change

Our Big Question:

How can small actions change the world?



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Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mann

Student Teacher: Miss Hollingshead

English

In Terms 3 and 4, we will be studying texts that are linked to our Explore: Danger Project. We will be considering our big question 'How can small actions change the world?' We will read a wide range of texts – fiction and non-fiction to practise reading for different purposes and to identify themes and conventions. These texts will form the basis and inspiration for our writing and be used to extend vocabulary. Our main texts will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman and 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Our writing focus will include writing a narrative using the 'Talk4Writing' process (Imitate, Innovate and Invent), geographical research and analysis. Children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary will be developed throughout the year during all topics and handwriting will be practised frequently. Our whole class reading will be linked to the 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and to VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve and Summarise).

Maths

This term we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division. We will be learning how to group equally, understand what an array is and how to use arrays practically to help solve multiplication and division problems. We will then learn about fractions and solve practical fraction problems involving shapes and quantities.

In Term 4 we will be revisiting addition and subtraction, applying our understanding to bigger numbers as well as subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will also be learning to solve simple problems involving money.

Geography

Our focus for terms 3 and 4 will be following a geographical enquiry. We will be explorers discovering different climate zones, the animals that live there and the dangers that they face! We will be studying a variety of sources to support our research, including excerpts from David Attenborough documentaries, maps, photographs and websites. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the rainforests, deserts and polar regions. We will learn about the explorers Shackleton and Scott and the challenges that they faced. We hope that our project will lead to small actions that can change the world! 😊

Our Project:
Geography/ DT
Explore: Danger

Concepts:
Beauty, Stewardship
and Change.

The Big Question:
'How can small
actions change the
world?'

P.E.

Sports Cool will be focussing on gymnastics this term. **Our sessions will be on Tuesdays.** Please remember to send your child in wearing warm clothes in case we are able to go outside. In addition to our gymnastics sessions, we will be taking part in the Daily Mile and taking time for breaks during the day using Jumpstart Jonny and Cosmic Yoga.

SCIENCE

For our first science sessions we will be using our fabulous outside area to observe signs of winter, comparing the daylight to other seasons. We will then be learning about habitats, considering how animals adapt to survive in changing environments. We will be focussing on animals that live in extreme temperatures.

R.E.

In RE, our big question will be 'Why do Muslims call Muhammed the *Seal of the Prophets*?'

We will use the five-step process: Engage, Enquire, Explore, Evaluate and Express, comparing similarities and differences with our own personal beliefs.

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 Create and Discover projects. We will be studying 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch and uses this as inspiration for enhancing our drawing skills in our sketchbooks. Our DT focus will be to make a pop-up polar creature. We will evaluate our design and adapt it as required.

MUSIC

Our music sessions this year will be on a Wednesday with Viv Berry where we will be learning uplifting songs from the book 'Like the Ocean we Rise'. We will also have weekly music singing assemblies. Please don't forget your child can join Mrs Robertson for singing club and/ or Alex Kidgell for choir club!

P.S.H.E

Our first P.S.H.E topic for 2023 is 'Dreams & Goals'. We will learn to understand why it is important to set goals and how to manage disappointment.

Next term, the topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will discuss and investigate ways to keep healthy.

COMPUTING

In computing we will continue learning about e-safety, how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, connecting with others and digital literacy. We will also develop our coding skills on Purple Mash.

