

Oulton Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1 – Fantastic Mr Fox



Welcome back and welcome to our new children. We have a busy year ahead and the children have made a fantastic start to their new year groups.

<p>English All of the children will begin their Read, Write Inc. sessions on Monday 9th September. This half term we are focusing on Rags to Riches stories. We will all be using a simplified version of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' to adapt and write our own stories.</p> <p>Reception: Will learn the story and then sequence the events using pictures. They will do lots of oral retelling and role play of the story. They will work together to retell the story using the pictures and story maps they have created and then perform this to the whole class.</p> <p>Year 1 and 2: Will write simple sentences to create a story. Year 1 will begin with using pictures and sentences starters to support their writing, before using a story map to write simple sentences of their own. Year 2 will have a strong focus on sentence starters and how to make these varied and interesting. They will also concentrate on how to link these sentences together, using conjunctions. We will have a strong focus on the choice of language and how this can make a more interesting piece of writing for the reader.</p> <p><i>The children need to read every day at home, please write in their reading record when they have read so we can ensure books are changed as needed.</i></p>	<p>Maths We start this half term focusing on place value.</p> <p>Reception and year 1 will learn to sort and count objects correctly before moving on to finding one more or one less, ordering numbers, comparing groups and numbers and using number lines.</p> <p>Year 2 will be looking at numbers to 100. We will be learning to count these accurately, as well as counting in 2s, 3s and 5s. They will continue to deepen their understanding of tens and ones and what each digit in a number represents. They will also compare and order numbers and use part whole models to help describe place value.</p> <p>The children in year 1 and 2 need to be able to use both numerals and words, so will also be matching these.</p> <p>Keep an eye out for the new 'Maths Monkey' who will be making his way home soon!</p>	<p>Science We will be focusing on living things and their habitats.</p> <p>The children will identify and classify different types of animals and discuss and agree how they can decide on which group an animal belongs to. They will consider the senses that animals use in the wild – why are these important? How are they similar different to humans? We will investigate which animals like to live underground and move around by digging. Which animals live above ground? Which animals only live in water?</p> <p>The children will also be giving nutritional advice to Farmer Boggis, explaining how he can lead a healthier lifestyle. The children will also be sharing this information with you through their food choices for the family feast on 10th October at 2:30pm.</p>
<p>PSHE: This half term the children will be agreeing and following a set of class rules. They will discuss and understand how rules in school, at home, in society help them and why they are important. They will set themselves a simple goal to reach by the October half term. They will express some of their own personal positive qualities and share their views and opinions on different topics, such as, 'was Mr Fox right to steal from the farmers.'</p>		
<p>Topic: This half term the main focus of our topic work is based around our Science learning. In Art/DT the children reception children will be exploring using different medias, such as paint and collage to create representations of the three farmers from Fantastic Mr Fox. The year one and two children will carefully consider the planning and development stages of design. They will discuss their ideas and work together to provide constructive critique, which they will use to make changes. They will assemble materials to make a new home for Mr Fox and his family. The children will consider aspects of food hygiene and safety while preparing food for the family feast on 10th October at 2:30. In R.E the children will focus on Christianity.</p>		

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Helpful Websites

Maths

<http://uk.mathletics.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=11>

<http://www.primarygamesarena.com/>

English

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Topic

<http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/#>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z96r82p>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=farm%20animals>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z672pv4/videos/1>

Important Dates:

Monday 9th September 3:30pm – Meet the teacher – **important meeting** about end of year expectations for each year group. In year expectations and a chance to ask any questions – we look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 18th September 3:30pm – Maths Workshop – an explanation into how we teach Maths at Dunham. Hints and tips to support children at home – including a copy of the calculation policy we follow.

Wednesday 25th September – Reception height, weight, hearing and vision checks.

Friday 27th September 9-10:30 – MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 1st October 9:00-10:00 – Open RWI session – see a lesson in action 9:00-9:30 and then workshop after to support your child at home.

Thursday 3rd October – School photographs.

Tuesday 8th October 9:30-10:30 – Open morning for prospective reception parents.

Thursday 10th October – 2:30 – Open afternoon/family feast – share your child's learning from this half term.

Tuesday 15th October 2:30-3:00 – Open afternoon for prospective reception parents.

Wednesday 16th/Thursday 17th October – Parent/teacher consultations.

What do I need each day?

The children all need to bring their book bag, complete with reading books and reading records to school every day. The expectation is that they read every night at home. All the children in the class will be heard read at least twice a week by an adult in school. Books should be placed in the basket at the start of every morning so that we are able to change any books that are needed. On a Monday the children should also all bring a water bottle and their P.E kit into school and these will be returned home on a Friday. Bottles will be rinsed out and refilled for the children each day. Reception children will also need waterproof clothes as well as wellies in school to allow them to be outside in their learning whatever the weather!

Pete Bear

Back by popular demand (the children's!) Pete Bear will again be visiting each child's house this year for fun and adventures. Please could you help the children to fill in the diary with photos, drawings and writing about what they have been up to together.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us or arrange an appointment.

Kind regards,

Miss Titmarsh, Mrs Spencer and Miss Freij.