

Dear children and parents/carers of Foxes

As you are by now well aware, our topic for Term Five is Paintings, pictures and photographs (visual representation)

Paintings, pictures and photographs

English-

This term Year 3 will be enjoying 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. Children will be exploring how settings can affect a character's feelings. They will be able to infer details about a character from drawings, character descriptions and speech. Year 3 will be investigating how illustrations influence a reader's experience of a text. Children will be learning how to use a thesaurus to expand their use of vocabulary. We will be focusing on the paintings of Van Gogh. The children will use this to develop their creativity through drama, poetry, storytelling and biography based on Van Gogh and Quentin Blake.

Maths-

Year 3 will be focusing on mastering tables knowledge of 2, 5 and 10 and rapid recall of the tables 3, 4, 6 and 8; please can you help us with this.

Year 3 will be looking at visualizing shape and learning how to draw and identify properties of 2/3D shapes including angles. Children will be reinforcing their knowledge of place value and number bonds to 100.

Any help with telling the time would be beneficial.

Science-

Children will be investigating what plants need to flourish. The life cycle of flowering plants, formation and seed dispersal. As a class we will be growing our own sunflowers and broad beans.

Spelling and Grammar

In Spelling and grammar this term Year 3 will be consolidating punctuation skills of full stops, commas and capital letters. They will be extending their use of paragraphs in their writing. Year 3 will be developing their sentence structure using adjectives, connectives and ensuring they know the difference between common, proper and abstract nouns.

Snappy Maths-

Each day we will be practising our 5 and 6 times tables. We will also be revising our number bonds to 20 and focusing on number bonds 100.

History

We'll be investigating into the work of Van Gogh and similar artists. We will be looking at the life time of Quentin Blake and the language of chronology.

Geography

Year 3 will be revising the key features, countries and waters around the British Isles and contrasting their knowledge with the landscapes and geography of The Netherlands. We will be looking at different types of maps to understand where we are in the World.

ART/ TECHNOLOGY

In Technology, we'll be creating our own picture frames, decorative flower pots and building our own Green Ship.

In Art, we will be studying the work of Van Gogh and trying to recreate some of his favourite work using paint and collage.

Music

We will be learning and performing songs relating to the sea.

Our appreciation of music will be based on Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Pirates of Penzance.'

PE

This term Foxes will be focusing on symmetry, levels, balance and control through Pirate dancing and looking into competitive games, focusing on throwing and catching.

Computing

The importance of keeping children safe on the internet cannot be underestimated and this term we will be making E-Safety our focus for this term.

RE

We will be looking at Sikhism and respecting other people's beliefs. We will also be looking at ways that various traditions have used rules to define good behavior.



Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5! Our topic is 'Paintings, pictures and photographs.'

The topic is all about using our eyes, we are going to explore the World around us through paintings, maps, diagrams and photographs. We will be opening a window on the World. Looking closely at the immediate World around us through our study of flowering plants. We will be going on imaginary sea voyages where we may even meet some pirates! We will be developing our own skills of painting and creating other visual representations, through the study of Van Gogh.

Homework:

As well as our usual Brainbuilder homework, the children will be receiving other homework to complete. Children must continue to read daily and practice their times tables.

CLIC test- This will be sent out on a Monday and children will be tested on the Friday. The CLIC tests help support problem solving and calculation within Maths.

Spellings- Your child will receive eleven spellings to learn and they will be tested on these the following Monday.

Items to bring to school:

- Water bottle named.
- School bag.
- PE kit-named- please ensure outdoor PE shoes and sweat tops for colder weather. No earrings to be worn and hair to be tied up. These should stay in school and go home at the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Winfield