

Fox Class Newsletter



Autumn 2
2025



English

We will begin this half-term by exploring and writing a short, suspense story based on a short video, 'Alma'. The children will learn to mix short and long sentences for suspense as well as include a wider range of subordinating conjunctions to expand on writing. They will plan their own short stories by considering the structure with a clear opening, build-up, problem, resolution and ending. They will use paragraphing for when there is a change in time, setting, theme or character.

We will then, very excitingly, move our English on to becoming inspired by JK Rowling's famous book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The children will write character descriptions by using expanded noun phrases, suitable apostrophes for possession and relative clauses. We will then move onto non-fiction with a focus on writing to inform others how to ride a broomstick! Children will consider time adverbials and modal verbs.

Science

Year 4: Our key question will focus on how we can control sound. We will understand how sound is made and how it travels in order to produce scientific enquiries into controlling sound. This will include controlling volume and pitch. In addition, we will explore how the size of objects affects sound, due to vibrations.

Year 5: Our key question will focus on how forces affect movement. We will investigate friction, gravity, air resistance and mechanisms through a variety of scientific enquiries. By the end, we will recognise that forces affect an object's movement by causing it to start and stop moving, speed up and slow down and change direction.

Religious and Worldviews Education

We will begin our work this half term by reviewing and revising our work from last half term around the creation story in both Christianity and Islam, before we then move to consider the 'intermediary' phase of the big story of religion as we answer the question of 'how do intermediaries guide us' through exploration of the Christian concept of the Holy Spirit and Islamic beliefs around Mohammed.

French

Both year groups will continue to focus on developing their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. This will focus on the traditions of Jour du Souvenir (Remembrance Day), St Nicolas and Noel.

Computing

We will focus on video production this half-term. Children will identify and name digital devices that can record videos. They will capture videos by considering lighting and angles. Finally, they will store and retrieve recordings as well.

Geography

Our big question is 'Why did Michael and Jess dig a hole in their garage?' Our learning will focus on tornadoes and how these are natural hazards. We will hone in on a case study in Oklahoma, USA and learn more about this country and state. In addition, we will find out about 'tornado alley' and why so many tornadoes form here. Finally, we will consider ways in which humans stay safe during these hazards, including how modern technology helps.

Maths

Year 4: We will begin this half-term by looking at multiplication and division with a key focus on the following multiplication tables: 3s, 6s, 9s, 7s, 11s and 12s. Please ensure your child is practising these at home via Mathletics and TTRockstars. Afterwards, we will move on to area. We will understand and recognise area as the space inside a shape and then move on to making shapes and comparing areas by counting squares.

Year 5: We will begin this half-term by focusing on multiplication and division through exploring multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers. Afterwards, we will use multiplication knowledge to focus on finding equivalent, mixed and improper fractions as well as ordering and comparing them. We will also learn how to add and subtract fractions.

Art

We will work with shape and colour this half term. We will cut shapes into paper and create collages around a theme. We will evaluate our artwork by creating stencils to add additional detail, focusing on line, colour and shape.

Design Technology

We will focus on cooking and nutrition by developing a recipe for a Bolognese sauce. We will learn about beef production, adapting a recipe and practising food preparation skills. After this, we will design and make our own Bolognese sauces.

Physical Education

Our two units this half-term are dance and quicksticks (hockey). In Dance, the children will use and link simple movement patterns to structure, remembering and repeating dance phases. They will also link sections together with transitional movements. In quicksticks, the children will improve their hockey skills by passing, receiving and tackling as well as developing shooting.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Children will learn about the impact of human rights and responsibilities, considering supporting their community. They will recognise influences, facts and opinions and how to make a difference in a situation.

Music

Our focus this half term will be upon learning the songs for our Christmas performance. This will involve singing in harmony and in different parts. Look out for more information about this soon!

Additional information

Welcome back to Autumn 2!

Please don't forget that PE kits should be in school every day and the children should always bring a waterproof coat so they can still be outside when raining.

Any questions, do not hesitate to contact us via fox@trentyoungs.dsat.org.uk

Reading

In our guided reading sessions, we will continue to focus on The BFG, by Roald Dahl. Alongside this, our reading ambassadors have chosen our new class novel for this half-term: Grimwood, by Nadia Shireen. We look forward to reading this book for pleasure!

