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| **Class: Foxes** | **Term: 1** | **Term Focus: Plants** | | **Focus Christian Value: Courage** | |
| **English:**  In our writing this term, we are focusing on setting descriptions. Our class book, The Flower by John Light, will lead our topic and give us an insight into city life and the lack of nature we often see in big cities. Our trip to Stourhead, linking with our topics on plants, will give us the inspiration to write descriptively about nature. We will end this term by writing an information text on Stourhead so we can tell the rest of the school about our wonderful trip. | **Maths:**  For both our Year 2s and Year 3s, Term 1 is going to be heavily linked to place value. This is to ensure that the children have a secure understanding of their hundreds, tens and ones as creating a solid foundation is vital in developing further in maths. As we move through the term, we will be challenging the children through word problems linked to place value to test their understanding of questions fully in different contexts.  For this term, children in Year 2 will be focusing on their 2s, 5s and 10 x tables by counting in class and completing daily times table practise. Year 3s will be focusing on 3s, 6s and 9s as long as their 2s, 5s and 10 x tables are secure. We will be completing regular tests so we are able to see exactly where the children are with their learning. | **History:**  Our history this term links to The Great Fire of London and will be led by Mrs Walton.  They will be considering questions such as:  Should we still celebrate Bonfire Night?  Did the Great Fire make London a better or worse place? | | **Science:**  In Science, the children will be learning all about plants. Initially, they will recap the parts of plants and will quickly move on to the life cycle of a plant. Towards the end of the term, we will understand the best conditions for different plants to grow in. | |
| **PSHE:**  In PSHE, we will be creating a class charter and thinking about what rules we need to follow in our classroom to help us learn. We will also discuss how we can get to know one another during the first term. | **Art:**  Our art this term is linked to our class book and is based all around flowers and plants. The children will have the opportunity to draw in detail various different plants around our wonderful school grounds. | | **Music:**  Our music lessons this term relate to our history topic, The Great Fire of London. They will be learning how to play London’s Burning on the recorder as well as learning about music theory! |
| **Reading:**  This term we are reading The Flower by John Light and also Pattan’s Pumpkins by Chitra Soundar: we will be looking closely at urban life vs rural life. Alongside our class books, children will be reading their banded book daily in class. It is really important that the children read at least 5 times a week – it makes a huge difference to their self-esteem when reading. Please ensure that you are signing your child’s Home/School book each day. |
| **RE:**  We are looking at the creation story and how it links to nature. The children will be thinking about how they can look after God’s creation and what other Christians believe they should do to worship God. | **PE:**  Our PE this term looks closely at symmetry. The children will be practising their balancing and posture in pairs and groups, using the apparatus when possible. | | **Computing:**  Our focus for this term is E-Safety. It’s vital the children have a really good understanding of how to use computers safely. We will be discussing things like sharing personal information and what to do if something doesn’t look right. |