Whaddon CofE School

Curriculum Overview Autumn Term1

KS2 – Foxes

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English	This half term in English we will be using Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and illustrated by Laura Freeman in which children learn about the achievements and determination of these four iconic women at key moments in American and world history. This provides the inspiring context for children to write for a range of purposes and for different formal and informal contexts. We will also be reading Percy Jackson. This 4-week Writing Root takes children on an adventure through the discovery of a sword, tied to which is an ancient-looking scroll, to writing an ode, exploring character and setting development, and then writing an own version narrative chapter. Following Reading for Research into Greek Gods, the children will complete the sequence by writing an extended narrative in role as an invented demi-god.
Maths	This half term we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. These units will expand the children's knowledge of what they already know and help them to gain a mastery approach of the themes.
History	Our unit in History is titled 'What is the legacy of the ancient Greek civilisation?' Within this unit, we will be learning about the city states of Greece, the ideas that the ancient Greeks gave us, and how they are still used today.
Science	Our science learning is based around the topic of circulation and health in animals and humans. We will be learning about how the heart works, what the role of blood is in our body and linking exercise and health.
Art	In Art we will be learning more drawing skills. Our unit is called Making my voice heard. This unit focuses on developing pupils' skills in using different art styles, exploring effects with tools, understanding and applying chiaroscuro, and creating symbolic and expressive drawings. It encourages children to form their own opinions about art, understand the impact of techniques, and convey messages through their artwork.
RE	During our RE lessons we will be answering the big question of 'How is Christianity the same, how is it different?' We will be learning about different branches of Christianity, and how they celebrate different life events.
French	In our MFL lessons we will be covering a unit titled 'Portraits – describing in French'. We will be learning adjectival agreements, as well as using different adjectives to describe appearances and emotions.
Music	Our music lessons will consist of learning based on composition notation, where we will be learning about different styles of notation, pitch notation and note length. We will be composing our own composition based on ancient Greece.

PE	In PE lessons the learning will continue to be provided by Sports 4All and
	will focus on teambuilding skills as well as understanding the techniques
	and rules of different sports. As well as this we will be carrying on with
	swimming lessons.