Whaddon CofE School

Curriculum Overview Spring Term1

KS2 – Foxes

Mr Small and Mrs Orr

English	This half term in English we will be using Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. Children begin this sequence of lessons by discovering a crime scene in the playground. They will write up official police reports, using the passive voice to create a formal tone. Children will go on to develop their grasp of legal vocabulary, contrasting conjunctions, formal sentence openers and the subjunctive tone through letters and diary entries. This will culminate in children having a debate, in role as the Prince's royal advisors, about who is mostly to blame for these tragic deaths. Children will use this debate to plan and write a balanced argument.
Maths	This half term we will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division, calculating with fractions and also learning about decimals. 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 was life like in Tudor England?' We will be learning about Henry VIII and his wives, we will also be learning about Elizabeth I. We will look at some of the professions in Tudor England, as well as some pastimes that people took part in.
Science	Our science learning is based around the topic of circuits and switches. We will be learning about how circuits are made, and what different components do. We will be thinking about resistance, voltage, and how the number of components in a circuit will affect it.
Art	In Art we will be learning about different artists. The unit focuses on understanding narratives and descriptive language in art, exploring meanings behind paintings, and developing personal interpretations and abstract art pieces based on selected artists. Our lessons will explore creative expression, analysis and evaluation skills in art.
RE	During our RE lessons we will be answering the big question of 'Why do people commit to a rite of passage?' This will allow us to explore and learn about different rites of passage linked to a number of religions.
French	In our MFL lessons we will be covering a unit titled 'Clothes – getting dressed in France' where we will be learning new vocabulary, and thinking about adjectival agreements, as well as where adjectives go in relation to the noun.
Music	Our music lessons will consist of learning based on Dynamics, Pitch and Texture. We will be using Felix Mendelssohn's Fingal Cave to help us to: Engage in discussion about the sounds of an orchestral piece; have a selection of varied vocabulary in response to what they hear; change dynamics and pitch, differentiating between the two; take the role of conductor or follow a conductor; change texture within their group improvisation and talk about its effect; create a graphic score to represent sounds and follow the conductor to show changes in pitch, dynamics and texture.

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.