



Foxglove Class – Term 3

Merry Christmas! We hope you have a lovely holiday and we can't wait to see you in 2025!

In English, we will use the excellent book *Varmints* by Helen Ward to inspire our writing. We will be writing an extra scene for our fiction outcome and a news report for our non-fiction topic. We will continue to join our handwriting with Year 5 now all using pens. The afternoons will see year group-specific handwriting and spellings.

Maths sees our second Multiplication and Division topic so please encourage ALL your children to be on TT Rockstars regularly and please support them with their tables learning at home. All this times tables work will then stand us in good stead for Fractions later in the term.

In Science, Year 4 will learn about Forces: magnetism, states of matter and the water cycle. Year 5 will look at Evolution and Inheritance including animal adaptations, classification of living things and fossils!

Both year groups will consider Dreams and Goals in PSHE, using computing to Create Media and enjoy Singing Games in their music lessons. We will all have DT this term: Year 4 will look at bridge construction and Year 5 automatons.

In Geography, we will learn about physical world geography before focussing on National Parks for Y4 whilst Year 5 are comparing British biomes with those in North and South America.

Our PE days are Thursday (swimming) and Friday for Year 4, and Tuesday and Friday for Year 5. The PE kits is part of school uniform; please ensure your child has indoor and outdoor PE kit for every lesson. Please, please also label **every** item!

Homework

Maths: Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (Staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). They are also expected to complete their TT Rockstars session (15 mins per week) OR Doodle Tables (Target stars).

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays.

Spellings: Children are required to complete their weekly spellings – 3 different ways, including 1 of these being the words written in context. This is checked on Fridays. Homework is monitored and children will be required to complete in school as necessary.

If you have any queries or concerns, please find Ms Gentle or Mrs Kupai on the playground or email us on enquiries@themedowprimaryschool.org.uk.