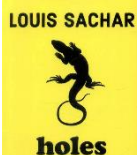




Welcome to Badgers Class

Years 5 and 6, Spring Term 4



This term in Badgers Class, we're excited to explore the fascinating topic of North America! In English, we'll draw inspiration from the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar, using it as a springboard for our own creative writing that ties in nicely with our geographical theme. In science, we'll delve into the world of Animals Including Humans, discovering how different species interact within their ecosystems. Maths will see us tackling area, perimeter, and volume, ensuring we develop our spatial awareness and problem-solving skills. It's set to be a fun and engaging term ahead!

English

Holes

- Develop pupil's ideas and vocabulary, learning about language, including words and phrases that capture the reader's interest.
- Express time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.
- class novel: *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- Guided reading, handwriting, focussed spellings and new vocabulary linked to our project.

Geography

North America

This term, students will explore the diverse landscapes, cultures, and economies of North America. Emphasis will be placed on geographical features, climatic variations, and the impact of human activity on the environment, fostering a comprehensive understanding of this vital region in the context of global geography.

Science

Animals including humans

This term, students will explore the intricate relationships between animals and humans, focusing on gestation periods. Through comparative analysis, learners will investigate various species and develop an understanding of reproductive processes, growth stages, and the significance of gestation in the life cycles of different organisms.

Maths

Area, perimeter, volume and decimals

Children will develop their skills and concept of:

- Area of 2D shapes
- Multiplication and addition when calculating area, perimeter and volume.
- Perimeter of 2D shapes
- Area of triangles and the calculations required.
- Arithmetic
- Using mathematical reasoning to solve multi-step problems

Music

Blues

- Develop performances in the style of music.
- Use an integrated approach to music through games, pulse, rhythm, pitch and playing instruments.

Art

Craft and design

- Studying a range of artists.
- Using a variety of methods to create 2D and 3D pieces of art.

PSHE

Drugs education

This term, students will explore key topics in PSHE, focusing on relationships, mental well-being, and Drugs Education, to promote informed choices and responsible behaviours among pupils.

RE

Christianity

- Explore the main beliefs in Christianity
- To investigate some of the key festivals that are celebrated in Christianity
- To explore different interpretations of the creation story.

French

Weather

- Learning how to say different types of weather.
- Learning how to describe the weather and appropriate activities dependant on the weather.

Computing

Data and Information

- Explore a variety of different data inputting methods.
- Use a range of software when inputting and analysing data
- To become familiar with some of the formulae available on spreadsheets.

PE

Gymnastics

Badgers class will be swimming on a Tuesday morning and at Witham Hall for gymnastics on Thursdays. Pupils will develop their coordination, strength and balance through a variety of gymnastics-based activities. In swimming pupils will develop the essential skills required to be safe near bodies of water.

Other Notes:

PE this term is on Thursday. Please remember children will need their PE kit in school. Forest school will take place on a Wednesday afternoon Please read on a regular basis at home throughout the week.

We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term ahead!