



Welcome to Badgers Class

Years 5 and 6, Spring Term 3



This term, Badgers Class will engage in a variety of enriching topics across the curriculum. In Science, students will explore the concept of evolution, examining key theories and their implications for understanding biodiversity. In English, the focus will be on biography writing, where pupils will learn to research and present the lives of notable figures.

In Mathematics, we will delve into fractions, decimals, and percentages, enhancing students' numerical fluency and problem-solving skills. Additionally, Geography lessons will centre on South America, linked to our class text, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell, fostering a deeper appreciation of the continent's culture and geography.

English

Autobiography

This term, we will focus on developing our skills in writing biographies. Students will learn the essential components of a biography, including the structure, tone, and style appropriate for this genre. We will explore various techniques for gathering information, such as conducting interviews and researching historical contexts. This unit aims to enhance both writing proficiency and understanding of biographical storytelling.

Science

Following Darwins Footsteps

This term, we will focus on the life and contributions of Charles Darwin, exploring his theory of evolution. Students will investigate the principles of natural selection, adaptation, and the impact of Darwin's work on our understanding of biodiversity and the development of species over time.

Music

Film music

- Develop performances using instruments.
- Use an integrated approach to music through games, pulse, rhythm, pitch and playing instruments.
- Investigate the use of major and minor in music.

PSHE

Drugs Education

This term in PSHE, we will focus on Drugs Education. Students will explore the effects and risks associated with various substances, develop critical thinking skills, and learn strategies for making informed choices regarding drug use and personal health.

French

French music celebrations

This term, we will explore French music and its cultural significance, focusing on various celebrations. Students will engage with different genres, learn key vocabulary, and understand the role of music in French festivities.

Other Notes:

PE this term will take place on Friday mornings. Please remember that children will need to bring their PE kits to school. This term, Badgers class will be cooking and baking on Monday afternoons instead of attending forest school due to the weather. Children will be heard reading at least once a week. Please ensure that you read regularly at home throughout the week.

We are looking forward to an exciting Term ahead!

PE

Invasion Games

In PE, our focus will be on developing specific skills through a variety of invasion games. These games encourage teamwork, strategic thinking, and physical fitness. Through activities such as cricket, netball, and football, your child will learn the principles of ball control, spatial awareness, and effective communication on the field. The PE this term will be at Witham Hall.

Maths

Fractions, decimals, and percentages

- Tenths
- Hundredths
- Thousandths
- Understanding percentages
- Equivalent fractions, decimals, and percentages

Art

Craft and design – Architecture

This term, students explored craft and design with a focus on architecture. They engaged in various projects that encouraged creativity and critical thinking, enhancing their understanding of structural design and the artistic elements involved in architectural practices.

RE

Christianity

This term, we will focus on studying the core beliefs, traditions, and ceremonies of Christianity. Students will explore significant concepts such as the nature of God, the importance of the Bible, and various Christian practices, enhancing their understanding of this major world religion.

Computing

Spreadsheets

- Using data effectively.
- Creating databases.
- Learning how to use excel