

Badgers Factsheet

Spring 2

Values

Trust and
Honesty



This half term we will be learning about the Victorians.



English

As a reader we will be exploring Frances Hodgson Burnett's famous text 'The Secret Garden'. This fiction story is set in the Victorian era and will provide an exciting stimulus for our topic. We will draw inferences about the different characters we meet, such as Mary Lennox and her mysterious uncle Mr Craven.

As a writer we will write diary entries from Mary as she travels to her new life in England and write a setting description for the garden she finds. We will also write our own story about a child living in Victorian times.

As a speaker we will act out various parts of the story and explore the different voices the characters might use.

We also have our own reading and writing targets, which we will get regular opportunities to practise.

Maths

As a mathematician we will:-

- Estimate the answer to a calculation
- Use a decimal point to separate pounds and pence
- Use column addition and subtractions for money problems
- Recall times tables to solve multiplication questions
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers using the grid method
- Double and half 3 digit numbers

We also have our own targets to practice using our number cards. These targets will be regularly reviewed and changed when the target has been met.

Topic

As historians we will look in detail at Queen Victoria's reign between 1837 -1901. We will use a timeline to sequences significant events, new laws and important inventions that changed the way people lived. We will also explore what it was like for children growing up in this era and experience our own Victorian school day!

As artists we will look at famous paintings from the Victorian era and identifying its key features. We will attempt to recreate these pieces using marks and lines to show texture in our drawings.

As designers we will plan and create our own miniature secret garden out of a shoe box.

PE

As a sportsperson this half term we will be doing Dance. We will explore the different ways we can show movements to music and link our moves together to create our own dance. We will also experience the style of music and dance fit for a Victorian Ball!

Children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but children should have their **outdoor** PE kit in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. This should include a jumper and a **pair of trainers**.

Science

As Scientists we will develop our knowledge of plants. During science lessons, we will learn about the structure and function of plants, photosynthesis, transportation of water, soil nutrients and the plant life cycle. We will gain knowledge through pupil led learning, investigation and experimentation. We will take part in activities where we re-pot plants, grow our own plants and observe the changes in plants over the weeks.

Homework

Homework will be given out every Thursday and handed in the following Monday.

The children will take home their reading book every day and are encouraged to read regularly at home. We would ask you to comment in their reading diaries when they have read to you. The children are able to change their individual reading book every morning as they come into school.

They will have weekly spellings in a yellow folder to learn which will be checked on Mondays in school. Children will also bring home their Maths Target Tubs to practise their number work. Please feel free to comment in their target book.

RE

As religious learners we will be learning about the 'Salvation' and discuss the big question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We will read the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and consider the effects this had on people close to Jesus. We will think about how the Easter story still affects people today and consider what we can learn from the story and life of Jesus.

If you have any queries please feel free to discuss them with me after school.

Thank you for your support,
Yours sincerely,
Mr. Burnett

