

Badgers Factsheet

Autumn 1

Values

*Determination
and Courage*



Welcome back to Badgers!

We have lots of very exciting topics to cover this year! We will begin by diving into the **Blue Abyss!**

English

As a writer we will explore the text 'The Water Horse' by Dick King-Smith. This is a story about a boy called Angus who discovers a large, mysterious egg along the shores of Loch Ness! We will write descriptions of the Water Horse using adjectives and similes and eventually write a story involving a mysterious water creature of our own.

As a speaker we will work in a group and act out various passages from the text and create alternative endings.

As a reader we will use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words.

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

Maths

As a mathematician we will:-

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number
- Read and write numbers beyond a 1000
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Add and subtract numbers mentally
- Add and subtract numbers using formal written methods
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers using written methods
- Calculate time intervals

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

Science

As Scientists we will be researching the ocean. We will identify the different habitats and classify sea creatures using venn diagrams and carroll diagrams. Also, we will study sea creatures eating habits through the use of food chains and food webs. We will develop our knowledge of environmental change and how these are affecting our oceans and sea life.

Topic

As geographers we will identify the 5 oceans and locate the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

As artists we will draw items reflecting in water and use lines and tones to sketch shells.

As Musicians we will explore the sounds of the ocean and use instruments to create a story and identify different sea characters.

Computing

As a computer user we will use the iPads to research the life of Dick King-Smith and find facts about the ocean. We will discuss how to safe search and retrieve relevant information.

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 learn about inspirational people including Gandhi and Mother Teresa. The words and actions of these people will encourage us to reflect on the choices we make and on how we can make a difference.

MFL

As a French speaker we will be working on 'Le Petit Chaperon Rouge' and describe different items of clothing.

PE

As a sportsperson we will develop our ability to control a ball through Football. We will work on individual skills and discuss tactics and ways to keep possession of a ball through small matches.

Children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but please ensure children have their **outdoor** PE kit in school every day and that it is clearly labelled. Children are asked to wear **trainers** for the session- **no football boots or pumps**.

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

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Burnett