

Badger class is a mixed class formed with children from years 3 and 4 and is taught by Mr Bishop. The class has support from Teaching Assistant's Mrs Smith and Mrs Constable.

## **English**

We are beginning the academic year by writing narrative stories that are based on the Victorian Era, using a class text called Hetty Feather. Children have begun a new reading scheme called accelerated reading, where they will be quizzed on each reading book they finish prior to beginning a new book. Their reading levels will be assessed again before half term, which will update the level of book they are reading at that time.

Spelling and grammar has a designated time slot in the timetable each week where the children will be taught important elements of the Year 3/4 curriculum related to these two English strands. Each child is given a new set of spellings every Monday for them to learn for the week prior to a dictation test the following Monday.

Group reading comprehension sessions are run throughout the week in the timetable and work on a carousel based format. Children will be working in small groups completing a variety of activities and will get to work with an adult at least once a week.

## **Maths**

All children in the Year 3/4 phase are split into groups for Maths lessons to ensure they are taught at an appropriate level and pitch that suits them, ensuring all gaps in learning are addressed. There will be three groups in total taught by Miss Mullings, Miss Gaught and Mr Bishop. Most groups also have adult support within the classroom to work with children within the classes.

In Year 3/4 there is a huge emphasis on learning of times tables. Although we have regular practice of these in class, children are encouraged to practice these at home. Children in Year 4 will be tested as part of the National Curriculum.

## **Science**

The topic we are exploring scientifically this term is Electricity. Children will investigate what electricity is, will carry out investigations involving electrical circuits and will explore different electrical conductors. This

work will tie in with the Victorians, being able to compare lighting between the two era's.

## **PE**

The allocated time for outdoor PE for Badge class is on a Tuesday and indoor PE will be on a Friday. Please ensure children have their kit with them on a Monday and leave it on their peg to allow for any last minute changes or use if necessary. Children can then take them home on a Friday to be washed ready for the upcoming week.

Pupils in Badger class will be going swimming in Autumn Two half-term on a Friday morning and are transported by coach. Please ensure your child is provided with appropriate swimming attire.

## **Topic**

Our current topic for Autumn term is the Victorians where the children will be learning about the history of railways, the art of William Morris, the design of Victorian houses and studying the geography of the Victorian Empire. The learning will be spread across a range of areas in the curriculum as stated above such as History, Geography and Art.

## **MFL**

Children are to undergo French lessons weekly in class as part of the timetable, building on what they have previously learnt.

## **Homework**

The children will be set homework every Tuesday and will be due back the following Tuesday. We will always stick a note into the children's communication diaries with information about the task and dates due. Children who do not complete their homework by the Tuesday, will go to a homework club on a Tuesday lunchtime held by a member of staff to complete this work.

Although reading is timetabled everyday as part of the new accelerated reading scheme, we must remind children to read at home daily and this is to be recorded and signed in their communication diaries that will be checked.