



Badgers' Class Newsletter

Term 4 – Spring

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Welcome to term 4, I hope you had a restful, yet enjoyable half term.

This term we continue our learning on Shakespeare, looking at another of his plays, The Tempest and basing our writing on this. Alongside this we will explore what life was like living during the Tudor Times. We look forward to World book day this term, always a fun day to celebrate our reading success and although it may seem a while away, Easter will come round fast! Badgers also start their 10-week block of swimming this term – a busy and exciting term ahead!

Weekly timetable:

Afternoon lessons will vary each week.

Monday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Topic

Tuesday: Maths, RE, Science

Wednesday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Swimming, French

Thursday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Computing/Music

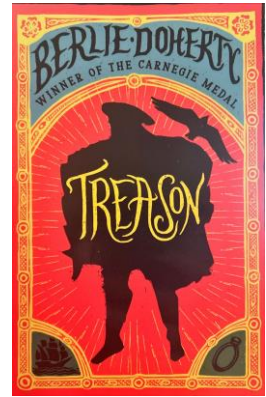
Friday: Maths, Guided Reading, PE

Grammar will be taught as part of the literacy lessons

Homework: The homework grid for the term has already been sent home. Homework is an important part of learning, especially for those children who will be heading to secondary school next year, as it helps to teach them how to be independent with their studies. Weekly spellings will be sent home and there will then be a weekly spelling test on a **Monday**. Please make sure they have their spelling packs school each day. The children have been given a log in for Maths.co.uk and are expected to complete a task on this each week, also to be checked on a Monday. Please let me know if your child does not have access to the internet and I will arrange for them to be given paper homework.

Maths: This term, we will be continuing with our weekly arithmetic tests on a Tuesday. We begin our work on decimals, strengthening our understanding of tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We will also look at adding, subtracting decimals as well as multiplying and dividing decimals by an integer. We will also begin looking at area and perimeter of 2d shapes as well as volume of 3d shapes.

English: Will Montague is a page to Prince Edward, son of King Henry VIII. As the King's favourite, Will gains many enemies in Court. His enemies convince the King that Will's father has committed treason, and he is thrown into Newgate Prison. Will flees Hampton Court and goes into hiding in the back streets of London. Lost and in mortal danger, he is rescued by a poor boy, Nick Drew. Together they must brave imprisonment and death as they embark on a great adventure to set Will's father free.



Our Guided reading text this term is Treason by Berlie Doherty.

In our literacy lessons we will be looking at Shakespeare's play The Tempest and creating a double page spread on how to care for a Caliban. Towards the end of the term, we will then look at sonnets, learning about the features of a sonnet before writing our own about something that is important to us.

Science: Our topic will be looking at looking after our environment.

Topic: This term the children will learning about Tudor times. We will be looking at what it was like to life in Tudor times and putting together a timeline of significant events during this time. We will go on to look in more detail at the Spanish Armada, crime and punishment and some weird and wonderful Tudor medicines. We will end our topic work looking at Tudor sports and maybe even trying a little Tudor dance!

Computing: We will be looking at spreadsheets this term, learning some of the skills needed to input data, including collecting data, formatting a spreadsheet and learning some of those helpful formulas!

Music: Sea shanties! This term we shall be looking at Sea Shanties, their origins and their features. We shall learn 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor' and learning a cup rhythm game to go with it. Toward the end of the term, we will learn Wellerman by Nathan Evans, hopefully being able to add in our own body percussion.

R.E: Our focus this term is Salvation. Where we will be asking the question: What did Jesus do to save human beings?

French: We will continue to learn how to order food in a French café.

P.E: Our PE focus this term is Tag Rugby. PE will be on a Friday, please can children come to school in their PE kit. Please expect PE to be outside, therefore ensure that children are in suitable clothing. Our PE kit can be found on our website, but consists of black short/skorts or joggers and a blue t-shirt, with or without the John Mayne logo and trainers/plimsolls. Children may wear their school cardigan or jumper as well. If your child does not have appropriate kit, we will provide them with kit from the school spares.

Important Dates:

- 24th February – Inset day
- 25th February – Visit from Fire and Rescue
- 3rd/4th March – Parents evening
- 6th March – World Book Day
- 14th March – FitFence visit
- 21st March – FOJM mother's day make
- 31st March – Easter Service 2.30pm
- 3rd April – Yr 6 School nurse visit – height and weight check
- 4th April – Last day of Term

