

Badgers' Class information:**P.E.**

Our P.E afternoon will be **Friday** this term. Please can children come in wearing their PE kit, remember you may need a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays to be returned to school the following Thursday.

Reading Diaries:

Try to hear your child read 3 times a week and update the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

Our school website address is:

www.hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk and our class blog is at <http://hamseybadgers.wordpress.com> where you will find information about the class, home learning, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

Dates for your diary:

- For important dates please see the Hamsey website and Facebook page.

Things you could try at home to enrich this term's project:

- Visit a local Museum
- Visit the Hastings Caves
- Visit the British History Museum
- Play competitive games outdoors
- Create a treasure hunt at home. Can you create a treasure map for someone to use?

Welcome to Badgers' Class.

Curriculum Information

Take One: Treasure.

Term 1 and 2



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ENGLISH

In term 1 and 2 we will be studying texts that are linked to treasure and considering the question 'What do we treasure the most?'. In term 1 we will be reading about pirates and their adventures to find treasure. Our writing focus will include writing in role as pirates and writing applications, biographies, narratives and limericks. In term 2 we will be studying the Vikings. We will read a wide range of texts - fiction and non-fiction - to practise reading for different purposes and to identify themes and conventions within these texts. These texts will form the basis and inspiration for our writing and be used to extend vocabulary. We will also focus on specific grammar and punctuation, such as simple, compound and complex sentences, fronted adverbials and paragraphing. We will practise spelling in class and focus on different spelling rules each week. Children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary will be developed throughout the year during all topics and handwriting will be practised frequently.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we will be developing a solid understanding of number and place value and exploring various techniques to add, subtract, multiply and divide, both mentally and using a formal written method. We will be investigating negative numbers, rounding, ordering and comparing numbers, estimating and applying this knowledge to real life situations. The children will also be developing their ability to reason with and solve problems involving number and place value. In Year 4 the emphasis will be on the place value of numbers beyond 1,000, whereas in Year 5 it will be numbers up to 1,000,000. In Badgers' Class, we will continue to practise our times tables using Times Table Rock Stars.

HISTORY

Our focus for terms 1 and 2 will be following an historical enquiry. In term 1, we will learn about pirates and study a variety of primary and secondary sources to support our research. We will create our own class museum with all our incredible work. In term 2, we will be encouraging the children to develop their historical research skills and find out about Vikings; their search for treasure, invasions, traditions and way of life.

**Our Learning Journey is:
Take One:
Treasure.
'What do we treasure the most?'**

P.E.

In P.E. we will be experiencing different games and looking at the skills involved in competitive games with the emphasis on communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. The children will develop their ability to use a variety of passes, using throwing techniques as well as with equipment. They will also be learning attacking and defending skills and putting them into use in competitive games. In term 2, the children will focus on movement and co-ordination, and further development of flexibility, strength, technique and control.

R.E.

In RE, we will be learning about The Gospels and identifying the features of Gospel texts, for example parable and narrative. In term 2, we will explore the Kingdom of God and how it relates to Christian teachings. We will also have a Christmas focus.

ART & DT

Whilst exploring the 'big question' 'What do we treasure the most?' we will create artwork inspired by our own personal treasures and then by the treasures of the world. As part of our Pirates project we will draw portraits, sketch and create model ships and make pirate hardtack biscuits.

SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating forces and magnets. We will design and create our own model ship and explore scientific terminology like buoyancy, up thrust and the suitability of different materials. We will also create our own compass and use it to explore our local habitat. Next term, we plan to explore the treasures of our wonderful world and reversible and irreversible changes.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E we will be exploring our 'big question' 'What do we treasure the most?' and the topics 'Being me in the world' and 'Celebrating differences'. The children will be using group discussions, games and role-play techniques to develop their awareness of themselves, others and the world around them.

FRENCH

Our theme in French will be All About Me in term 1, in which we will learn basic greetings, colours, parts of the body, clothing and commands. We will learn that all nouns have gender. We will focus on recognising and using the correct pronunciation of key

COMPUTING

Our first Computing unit is about e-safety. We will be learning how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, connecting with others and digital literacy. We will also continue our coding lessons on PurpleMash.

MUSIC

In our Music lessons this term we will be learning to sing, improvise and compose using PurpleMash. As part of Pirates project, we will be learning to sing sea shanties and sing in a round