

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

Our P.E afternoon will be **Tuesday** 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. Year 4 will also be going swimming on Monday in Term 3 and the first week of Term 4.

Homework

There will be a Homework task every term for your child to complete linked to project work. We are looking forward to the children sharing them with the class. Please remember to log into TTRS to practise x tables each week.

Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your child read 3 times a week and write in the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

Forest School:

Year 3 will be having Forest School on Thursday morning. Please send your child dressed appropriately for the sessions: waterproof coat, boots and over trousers with a warm layer underneath. A snood, gloves and hat are also recommended.

Our school website address is:

www.hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk

The link to Google Classrooms can be found on the website or you can visit <https://classroom.google.com/>.

Dates for your diary:

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

Swimming dates:

Monday 9th January

Monday 16th January

Monday 23rd January

Monday 30th January

Monday 6th February

Monday 20th February.

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

- Research an animal that is endangered.
- Read a book about climate change and think of small ways that you can make a difference.
- Go on a walk and think about the ways that we can support our local habitat.
- Record the different states of matter that take place while preparing a meal or drink. Can you think of any meals or beverages that change from solid, liquid to gas or vice versa?

Welcome to Badgers' Class.

Curriculum Information

Geography and DT

Explore: Danger.

Term 3 and 4

Concepts: Beauty, Stewardship and Change.

Our Big Question: How can small actions change the world?



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ENGLISH

In term 3 and 4, we will be studying texts that are linked to our Explore: Danger Project. We will be considering our Big question 'How can small actions change the world?' 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. Our main texts will be 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman and 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Our writing focus will include writing a narrative using the 'Talk for Writing' process (Imitate, Innovate and Invent), geographical research and analysis. 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. Our whole class reading will be linked 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and to VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve and Summarise).

GEOGRAPHY

Our focus for terms 3 and 4 will be following a geographical enquiry. We will be explorers discovering different climate zones, the animals that live there and the dangers that they face! We will be studying a variety of sources to support our research, including excerpts from David Attenborough documentaries, maps, photographs and websites. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the rainforests, deserts and polar regions. We will learn about the explorers Shackleton and Scott and the challenges that they faced. We hope that our project will lead to small actions that can change the world! ☺

R.E.

In RE, our Big question will be 'Why do Muslims call Muhammed the 'Seal of the Prophets'? We use the five-step process: Engage, Enquire, Explore, Evaluate and Express comparing similarities and differences with our own personal beliefs.

ART & DT

As part of our Art and DT projects we will be developing all the incredible Art and DT skills that we learnt in Create and Discover projects. We will be studying 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch and uses this as inspiration for enhancing our drawing skills in our sketchbooks. Our DT focus will be to make a pop – up polar creature. We will evaluate our design and adapt it as required. In our Cookery sessions, we will be using our maths and baking skills to make some Easter treats. Yummo! ☺

FRENCH

Our theme in French will be 'Food Glorious Food', in which we will learn about different types of food and how to order in a restaurant using a menu. We will focus on recognising and using the correct pronunciation of key

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we will continue to master number and place value, particularly in multiplication and division. We will be multiplying two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using the formal written layout. We will also learn to divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division. Later in the term, we will investigate fractions, including decimals, and solve problems and reason within context. We will also continue practising times tables as the class become Times Table Rock Stars.

P.E.

In P.E., we will be playing team games and gymnastics. Our sessions will be on Tuesday afternoon. Please remember to bring in P.E. kits that are suitable for wet/ cold weather as well. Year 4 will be swimming on Monday morning. In swimming, the emphasis will be on swimming competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke) and performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

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Geography/ DT
Explore: Danger.
Concepts: Beauty,
Stewardship and
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The Big Questions:
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SCIENCE

In the first term, we will investigate 'States of Matter'. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases, record temperatures and develop our understanding of the water cycle, evaporation and condensation. In Term 4, we will study 'Properties and Changes of Materials' focusing on dissolving, separating, reversible and irreversible changes.

COMPUTING

In Computing we will continue learning about e-safety: how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, connecting with others and digital literacy. We will also develop our coding skills on Purple Mash.

P.S.H.E

Our first P.S.H.E topic for 2020 is Dreams and Goals. We will learn to understand why it is important set goals and how to manage disappointment. Next term, the topic is Healthy Me. We will discuss and investigate ways to keep healthy.

MUSIC

Our Music sessions this year will be on a Wednesday with Viv Berry where we will be learning uplifting songs from the book 'Like the Ocean we Rise'. We will also have weekly 'Sing Up' sessions with Mrs Robertson, and we shall be learning to play the recorder.