

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

Our P.E afternoon will be **Wednesday** 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

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.

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/> to see homework activities.

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:

- Cook some Greek food.
- Research about the Ancient Greeks and Flight.
- Read some of the Ancient Greek Myths and create a piece of artwork inspired by them.
- Visit Shoreham Airport.
- Research the airports that are near to our locality.
- Choreograph a Greek dance.
- Play a competitive team game.

Welcome to Badgers' Class.

Curriculum Information

History

**Discover: Ancestors.
Ancient Greeks and Flight
Terms 1 and 2**



Teacher: Mrs Shinebourne
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Evans

ENGLISH

In term 1 and 2 we will be studying texts that are linked to our Ancestors, the Ancient Greeks, and Flight and considering the question 'Should we always do as we are told?' 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 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and 'The Adventures of Odysseus' by Hugh Lupton and Daniel Morden. Our writing focus will include writing a narrative (myth), historical research and analysis. We will 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.

HISTORY

Our focus for terms 1 and 2 will be following an historical enquiry. We will be historical detectives, discovering information about the Ancient Greeks and Flight. We will be studying a variety of primary and secondary sources to support our research. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the Trojan Wars, building of Parthenon, first Olympic Games, Ancient Greek city states, gods and goddesses, schools and the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will also be researching a timeline of flight. For example, Montgolfier Brothers, Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, Concorde, Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake.

Our Project is:

History

Discover: Ancestors.

Concepts: Democracy, Equality, Legacy, and Influence.

The Big Questions:

'Should we always do as we are told?'

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, number lines, Roman Numerals, 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 3 the emphasis will be on the place value of numbers beyond 1,000, whereas in Year 4 it will be numbers up to 10,000. In Badgers' Class, we will continue to practise our times tables using Times Table Rock Stars.

P.E.

In P.E, we will be playing team games. During team games, the children will develop their ability to use a variety of passes, attacking and defending skills and putting them into use in competitive games. In term 2, the children will focus on dance and further development of flexibility, strength, technique and control.

R.E.

In RE, we will be learning about how Christians believe that God created the world in seven days. In term 2, the topic is 'What is it like to follow God?' and we will read stories such as Noah's Ark to explore this question.

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 the summer term. We will be drawing images inspired by the Ancient Greek Myths, sketching in the style of other artists, creating our own Trojan horses and later in term 2 creating our own models of flight. As part of our DT Cookery sessions, we will be making hot chocolate. Yummy! 😊

SCIENCE

In the first term, we will investigate how objects are pushed and pulled by different forces. We will learn about magnets, the materials they are made of and their strengths. We will discover more about magnetic poles and how they work in a compass. Later in the year, we will study 'light' and we will recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. We will also notice that light is reflected from surfaces, recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and understand that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E we will be exploring our 'big question 'Should we always do as we are told?' as well as 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, numbers and commands. We will learn that all nouns have a gender. We will focus on recognising and using the correct pronunciation of key vocabulary.

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 Purple Mash.

MUSIC

In our music lessons this term we will be learning to sing, improvise and compose using Purple Mash. We will be studying a musician each month. September's musician is Kate Bush! We will also have weekly singing sessions with Mrs Robertson, and we shall be learning to play the recorder.