

# Badgers' Spring 1 2023 Curriculum Overview

Values

*Friendship and  
Respect*



**Rationale:** Our next topic will see us explore one of David Walliams' most loved stories:



## English

**As a reader** we will explore David Walliams' hilarious story; Mr Stink! This book follows the journey of twelve-year-old Chloe and her friendship with a fascinating homeless man.

**As writers** we write character descriptions of Mr Stink using similes and metaphors. We will also write campaign leaflets for Mrs Crumb ahead of a local election and write instructions in order to help Mr Stink dress and wash himself properly!

**As speakers** we will hot seat as Mr Stink throughout his journey. We will also explore characters' thoughts and feelings by walking down the conscience alley.

We also have our own reading and writing targets, which we will get regular opportunities to practise.

## Maths

**As a mathematician** we will:

- Use a variety of methods to add and subtract
- Use the column method to add and subtract 3/4 digit numbers
- Make an exchange to add and subtract over 10/100/1000
- Estimate the answer of a calculation
- Identify area by counting squares (Y4)
- Compare area (Y4)

We also have our own targets to practise using our number cards. These targets will be regularly reviewed and changed when the target has been met.

## Science

As **Scientists** we will continue to learn about the human body. We will sort foods into different food groups and identify the important nutrients they provide. We will also look at different types of skeletons, recognising the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. We will investigate the joints that we use on a regular basis and understand why muscles are important.

## PE

As **athletes** we will be performing a dance! We will work within a small group to create a dance routine to the count of eight, that includes a variety of movements. We will discuss how facial expressions are a key factor within our dance as we try to emphasise two contrasting characters – Chloe and her sister Annabelle!

We usually have PE on a Thursday afternoon and for this half-term lessons will take place indoors.

## RE

As **religious learners** we will explore the question: 'What does it mean to be a Jew?' We will consider the key beliefs of Judaism and understand how people of Jewish faith worship both at home and in a synagogue. We will also explore some important stories and people from the Jewish faith.

## Homework

Homework will be uploaded onto Seesaw every Thursday and is due in the following Monday. Spellings will be uploaded on a Friday and will be checked in school the following week.

Children will take home their reading book every day and are encouraged to read regularly at home. We ask parents/carers to comment in their reading diaries when they have read, this will earn them a dojo point!

## Computing

As a **computer user** we will consider the journey inside a computer. We will recognise inputs and outputs and that the computer sends and receives information. We will also explain how the parts of a laptop work together and construct our own paper version.

## Languages

As a French speaker we will learn how to count to 31 (*trente et un*), the days of the week, months of the year and the four seasons.

## RHE & PSHE

In this unit we will learn about citizenship. We will explore the rights and responsibilities of both children and adults. We will look at how charities and volunteers support homeless people in the UK. We will consider ways in which we can show support and help the homeless this winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with me after school. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Burnett

