

Badgers' Class information:

P.E.

Our P.E afternoons will be **Monday and Thursday** 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

Keep up being a Reading Star and using Times Table

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 **Friday** 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. Please ensure your child brings their uniform to change in to for the afternoon.

January 2023

- **Wednesday 4th**- First day of Term 3 of the academic year
- **Friday 6th**- Big Schools Birdwatch begins
- **Friday 6th**- Forest School begins for Year 3 and Reception
- **Monday 9th**- SportsCool recommences
- **Monday 9th**- Year 4 swimming at Cumnor House begins
- **Tuesday 10th**- Year 6 Chailey Maths recommences
- **Tuesday 10th**- Chartwells Healthy eating workshops
- **Wednesday 11th**- Open Morning for Reception 2023
- **Sunday 15th**- DEADLINE for applying for a Primary School Place
- **Sunday 22nd**- Chinese New Year

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 Woodpeckers' 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?**



Our school website address is:

<https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web>

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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. 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). We will also continue with our daily phonics practice sessions.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we will continue to master number and place value, as we continue our focus on addition and subtraction. We will begin learning about 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 3 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division. We will also continue practising times tables as the class become Times Table Rock Stars.

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, the journeys they made and the challenges that they faced. We hope that our project will lead to small actions that can change the world! 😊

**Our Project is:
Geography/ DT
Explore: Danger.
Concepts: Beauty,
Stewardship and
Change.**

**The Big Questions:
'How can small actions
change the world?'**

P.E.

In P.E., we will be playing team games and gymnastics. Our sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to bring in P.E. kits that are suitable for wet/ cold weather as well.

SCIENCE

In the first term, we will investigate 'States of Matter'. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases. We will 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.

P.S.H.E

Our first P.S.H.E topic for 2023 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.

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 will use 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 vocabulary.

MUSIC

This term, we will also have weekly 'Sing Up' sessions, where we will focus on songs about our topic. We will be singing songs such as 'Our Earth' and 'Save Our Planet'. We will also be learning about a 'musician of the month'!

COMPUTING

In Computing we will continue learning about e-safety. We will discuss 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 using Purple Mash.