



Squirrels, Moles, and Badgers Class - Summer Term 2024

More about our topic...

Our main topic for the summer term will be Olympia. We will be learning about Ancient Greece and how life was different for Greeks over 3000 years ago.

In addition to this, we will be using different sources of evidence to collect information and build our understanding of the past. When looking at sources of evidence, we will begin to think about why there may be different accounts of history. By the end of this unit, the children will understand the influence of Ancient Greece on the western world.

This is an incredibly fascinating topic, and we aim to make it a memorable one! Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities. Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our web pages to see the fantastic learning taking place!

Science

In science this term, we will initially be looking at electricity. The children will learn the difference between conductive and insulated materials and will explore how to create their own circuit. In the second half of the summer term, we will focus on states of matter and learn more about the processes where materials can change state.

English

Our class text for the summer term will be Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. This story centres around twelve-year-old Percy Jackson who is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to our topic. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning, comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature.

Children will have the opportunity to write their own chronological reports based on Ancient Greece and the Olympics as well as use their writing skills to write their own myths and legends linked to our history work. We will also learn more about the works of William Shakespeare and have a go at writing our own playscripts.

Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, drama, and presentations.

Maths

Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Our Maths lessons in the summer term will focus on Length, Perimeter & Area and Time. We will also look at Shape, Volume & Capacity (Yr3), Co-ordinates (Yr4) and Statistics. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved.

Take home task to support work in school

To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could find some fascinating facts about Ancient Greece or the Olympics. This could include daily life or religion and beliefs in Ancient Greek times, or they could find out the similarities and differences between ancient and modern Olympics. These can be presented in a medium of their choice – a model would be especially good! They will need to be prepared to present and talk about their work to the rest of the class.