



Squirrels, Badgers and Moles Class Spring Term 2024

More about our topic...

Our main topic for the spring term will be Blue Planet.

We will be learning about where the world's oceans and seas are, as well as looking further into what an ocean is and the different layers they are made up of. Children will develop their geographical skills further by locating oceans and seas around the world using a variety of maps and atlases. By the end of this unit, the children will understand the importance of oceans to our planet and the impact humans can have on them.

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 class web pages to see the fantastic learning taking place!

Science

In Science this term, we will be initially looking at 'Magnets'. We will be learning about how magnets attract or repel each other as well as investigating if materials are magnetic. In the second half-term, we will move onto looking at Living Things and their Habitats. The children will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

English

*Our class text for the spring term will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. It tells the story of the Pevensie children - Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - who step through a wardrobe door and find themselves in the land of Narnia. Frozen in eternal winter, Narnia is a land of snow and pine forests, and its creatures are enslaved by the terrible White Witch.*

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Our new reading spine books have become a huge hit with our children. They have also loved visiting the school library and borrowing books from the fantastic range we have. In guided reading, the children will use and engage with 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. This will enable the children to gain an increased understanding and appreciation of literature.

Children will have the opportunity to find out more about a new poetry style this term. In their writing, they will be progressing their skills by writing explanation texts and studying a chosen author in more depth.

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 Spring term will focus on Multiplication and Division. This will be followed by Fractions and Decimals. 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 oceans or seas. This could be research about the different layers of an ocean or what we can do to help protect the oceans of our planet. 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.