

# It's A Bugs Life



This term, the Badgers' topic is called *It's a Bug's Life*. Throughout this exciting topic, the children will develop their understanding of plants, animals and minibeasts by taking part in a range of hands-on learning experiences. They will explore the school grounds to observe and investigate the variety of living things found in our environment.

The children will also learn about the life cycles of different plants and animals, discovering how living things grow and change over time. In addition, they will develop their scientific knowledge by learning how plants and animals can be classified into groups according to their similarities and differences.



In English, the children will be writing a non-chronological report using *The Hidden World of Magical Beasts* by Ma Evans and Robert Ingpen as their stimulus. They will explore the features of non-fiction writing, including headings, subheadings, factual language and detailed descriptions. The children will use their imagination and creativity to research and describe a range of mythical creatures, while developing their skills in organisation, vocabulary and sentence structure.



In Maths, the Year 5 children will be developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. They will build confidence in applying their knowledge to solve a range of two-step and three-step problems, using reasoning and problem-solving skills to explain their methods clearly.

The Year 6 children will be taking part in a range of themed mathematical projects involving multi-step, real-life problems. These activities will encourage the children to apply and consolidate the mathematical skills and strategies they have developed throughout the year, while promoting logical thinking, resilience and independence.

## **Home Help—How can you support your child with this half term's learning?**

Please encourage and support your child to research this topic further at home.

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homework grid sent out today is focused on this topic and will give you a starting point. All children are expected to complete five activities.

Please continue to help your child to learn their spellings for their test every Friday and also continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and practise their times tables.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Leech :-)