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Badger Fact File

This lesson is intended to be used in conjunction with the video: '**The Secret Life of Badgers**'. The lesson can be used either as a re-cap following a first viewing of the video in assembly, or to accompany a first viewing in the classroom.

Learning Objectives

- Pupils gain an introductory knowledge of badger biology and ecology
- Pupils record facts accurately in a systematic fashion

Outline lesson plan

- 1 Class discussion - what can pupils remember about badgers from the assembly.
- 2 Distribute the blank Fact File sheets and give the class the chance to read through.
- 3 Then, either:
 - play the whole video again, or
 - play in sections – suggested breakpoints listed below

Section	From	To	Topics
1	Start	3 min 55	Badger basics What does a badger look like? Where do badgers live?
2	3 min 55	6 min 06	Family life
3	6 min 06	8 min 35	Cub life
4	8 min 35	End	What do badgers eat? How do badgers communicate?

Ask the class to complete their blank Fact File sheets either whilst watching or after each section.

If children have access to laptops, this may give you an opportunity to differentiate the appropriate approach to watching the video and completing the fact file.

- 4 End the lesson by asking the children to think of their 3 favourite new facts about badgers.

Completed fact files might include the following information:

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Type of animal	Mammal
Male badger	Boar
Female badger	Sow
Baby badger	Cub
Family group	Clan
Diet	Omnivore

Appearance <i>What does a badger look like?</i>	Black and white Claws Short legs Long body	Thick coat Long nose Short bushy tail Small eyes
Foods <i>What does a badger eat?</i>	Favourite food is the earthworm Can eat up to 200 earthworms a night Fruits, sweetcorn, cereals, nuts Invertebrates, eg. slugs, snails, larvae Small reptiles and mammals	
Homes <i>What are the main features of a badger's home?</i>	Woodland Underground (70% of the time) Burrow is called a Sett Good at digging	Clean Bedding (which they change often)
Behaviour <i>What badger behaviour did you see in the video?</i>	Live in family groups Live underground Nocturnal Scent marking Grooming/scratching	Playing Take a nap above ground Cubs are born in February Do not hibernate Dig and drag bedding backwards
Smell <i>What do you remember about a badger's sense of smell?</i>	Smell is the best sense Sense of smell is 800 times better than ours Use smell to find food Use smell to communicate Use smell to sense danger and each other	

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