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Badger Class Newsletter Term 1 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and that your children are ready and eager to start their Year 3 in Badger Class. This newsletter provides an overview of what we will be doing in class during this term and sets out class routines and expectations. It would be helpful if you were able to share this together with your child. Thank you, Ms Tunstall x

Dear Badgers,

Welcome to Badger Class! Read our first Newsletter with your parents so that you are ready and excited for Year 3.

THINGS THAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME

I will:

- praise you and encourage you when you try hard
- help you with your work so you can understand
- tell you what we are doing everyday
- listen to you
- give you feedback on your work so that you know how you are learning
- hear you read in a group every week
- aim to make the work and the school day fun and enjoyable

THINGS I EXPECT FROM YOU

I expect you to:

- listen to and respect one another (both children and adults)
- look after our classroom
- try your best
- do your homework which includes reading regularly, practising your tables and spellings
- let me know if you need help or are worried about something

Our class read:

I have chosen a wonderful book to share with you this term. It is called ***Pugs of the Frozen North*** By Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. It is an exciting adventure story that is full of fun and emotion and it has dogs in it; what more can a person want from a book?!

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Write Stuff:

We will be learning to write effective sentences for a **persuasive** holiday brochure. The work will be based around our history topic of Stone Age and include both Cheddar Gorge and Caves (which we will also visit) and Skara Brae, where the remains of a Stone Age village have been found.

Maths:

We will be focusing on **Place Value and Addition and Subtraction**. There will also be regular practice both in the classroom, and hopefully at home, of **Times Table** recall and **Telling the Time** both digital and analogue.

Science:

We will be working scientifically to learn about **Movement and Nutrition**. This will involve: leaning about the role and function of skeletons; recognising the main bones of the body; understanding how muscles help us move; explaining how food is a source of energy for animals; identifying the main nutrient groups and their functions; exploring what makes a balanced diet.

History:

For the next two terms we will be learning about **Ancient Britain** starting from the Stone Age, through the Bronze age and finally studying how things changed in Britain when our ancestors began to use iron. To learn more about this exciting time in history we will be visiting Cheddar Gorge and the Caves.

Art and Design and Technology:

The first part of this term will be exploring **prehistoric painting** with Mrs Beale which will build upon our learning in History. Following this, Mrs Beale will be **making and cooking seasonal food** with you. You will be making three dishes whilst learning about seasonality in the UK and the relationship between the colour of fruits and vegetables and their health benefits. This will help with our Science topic "Nutrition".

RE:

We will be studying **Christianity**: What do Christians believe about God and Incarnation?

Computing:

Mrs Beale will be teaching our Computing lessons and looking at how digital devices are connected through **systems and networks**.

PE:

In PE you will be playing **Tag Rugby** with Laura who is a PE specialist and doing **Dance** with me. On these days, you need to come to school in your PE kits.

Music: We use the scheme Charanga for our music lessons. This term we are focusing on a song called **Let Your Spirit Fly** by Joanna Mangona.

Jigsaw:

Being Me in the World: this term's puzzle is all about getting on together and being part of a team.

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French:

In Badger Class, you will begin your French journey! We start with the topic, “**Getting To Know You**” learning how to say *hello* and *goodbye*, asking a person their name, how they are feeling and how old they are. We will also be learning numbers 1-10 in French.

Trip to Cheddar:

Next week we will be going to Cheddar Gorge and Caves which will include demonstrations of Stone Age survival skills by a costumed hunter gatherer and a talk about Stone Age in the ‘Daylight Zone’ of Gough’s Cave. The letter including all details can be found [here](#).

Badger Class Routines

- Each **Monday afternoon** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Beale will be taking you for Computing and Design Technology or Art
- **Guided Reading:** each week I will hear you read in a group and check your reading records in order that I can praise and reward your home reading. You can change your reading book at any time during the school week and I will show you where to record your choices and make comments on how much you enjoyed the book. You will be expected to take a quiz on the computer to show how well you have understood your book. This is always fun and I will show you how to do this and make sure you have plenty of time to take quizzes.
- **Spelling homework** will be given out on **Mondays** and must be returned on the following **Monday**. The most effective way of learning spellings (both individual words and general patterns and rules) is to rehearse/practise them each day for a few minutes. The activities are given to reinforce and embed the spellings once you have hopefully learnt them.
- As well as spellings I would like you to continue to do **Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables** at home.
- **PE days are Thursday and Friday:** please come to school in your PE kits on these days. (This is something that all classes are doing this year.)
- **Things to bring to school:**

Book bags with your reading book, reading record and your homework book inside.

Water bottle and a piece of fruit for break time.

Wellies and wet weather coats. Wellies can be stored on our pegs outside for the Term.

Lunch, if you bring it from home.

Please note - Large bags and rucksacks: for Health and Safety reasons, Mr Griffiths has requested that these should **not** be brought into school.

Badger Class is a friendly and happy place to learn. If there is ever a time when you are worried about something, please let me know or talk to your parents so that we can all have a chat to make things better. I want you to grow in confidence and enjoy your learning.

In Badger Class we work very hard, but we also have lots of fun. So, let’s get started!

Love from,

Ms. Tunstall.

Parents, for ease here is a [Link to school website with parent calendar at bottom of page](#)

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Any queries or concerns, please catch me after school (except Mondays when Mrs Beale will be dismissing the class) or email me via the school office. I look forward to working with you to ensure a happy and productive year for your child in Year 3.

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