

High Littleton C. of E. Primary School,
High Littleton, Bristol BS39 6HF
Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership



Tel: 01761 470622 Fax: 01761 472800
Email: office@highlittletonschool.com
Web: www.highlittletonschool.com
Head Teacher: Mr Gareth Griffith

Welcome to Term 3
(Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your Christmas went as planned and was full of festive cheer! Happy New Year to you; here's hoping for a peaceful 2024 with love and happiness in abundance. Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts, cards and good wishes; I am extremely appreciative.

This newsletter provides an overview of what we will do in class this term and confirms class routines and expectations. Please share this with your child.

Dear Badgers,

Welcome to Term 3! Here's what we will be learning and enjoying this term:

Our class reads:

We are reading three books this term:

1. **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo. I absolutely love this book and I have no doubt that you will too.

Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard and from there finds himself on an amazing journey where he finally learns what it is to truly love.

2. **The Nothing to See Here Hotel** by Steven Butler is a funny book that I know you will really enjoy.

A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel.

When a goblin messenger arrives at The Nothing to See Here Hotel, announcing the imminent arrival of the goblin prince Grogbah, Frankie and his family rush into action to get ready for their important guest. But it soon becomes obvious that the Banister family are going to have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...

3. **A River** by Marc Martin will complement our Geography topic on Rivers.

...a beautiful geographical story with lush landscapes and poetic text from an award-winning Australian illustrator.

"Love each other as I have loved you" John 15:12



Write Stuff:

We begin our Write Stuff lessons with a focus on **poetry**. This unit is full of description and imagination. You'll love it!

Having written your own poems, you will go on to story writing (narratives). These will be based on a beautiful book by Sam Hay called, **Star in a Jar**. Your stories last term were just wonderful and I'm sure you will be just as proud of these stories too.

Maths:

We continue our focus on **Multiplication and Division**. Towards the latter part of the Term, we will also be developing our knowledge and understanding of **Length and Perimeter**.

Science:

Our Science topic is all about **Rocks and Soil** where we will be exploring the physical properties of rocks and soils and finding out how fossils were formed. (At last, some of you will be able to share your love of rocks and bring in your specimens to share in class!)

Geography:

This Term sees our first Geography unit in Badger Class and it's an exciting topic: **Rivers**; what they are and how they are used.

Design Technology:

Lead by Mrs Beale, you will be delving into the digital world of **Smart Wearables** and designing your own electronic charm (eCharm).

Computing:

Mrs Beale will be teaching your Computing lessons, the focus will be on **Desktop Publishing**. You will be making your template for a magazine front cover. You will start to add text and images to create a piece of work using desktop publishing software.

PE:

In PE you will be practising the **fundamentals** of PE such as agility, skipping and balancing with me on Thursdays and learning to play **Handball** with Mrs Mac on Fridays.

Music:

We will be using **Three Little Birds by Bob Marley** as an introduction to Reggae music. Our lessons will involve listening, appraising and performing the song as well as engaging in various musical activities to enhance our musical understanding.

RE:

Our focus this Term is **Judaism**: What do Jewish people believe about God and the Covenant (agreement)?

Jigsaw:

This Term we will be focusing on **Dreams and Goals**; how we can both achieve our own dreams and goals and also help others to achieve theirs.

French:

You are all doing so well in our French lessons. This Term are topic is called **Food Glorious Food**.

"Love each other as I have loved you" John 15:12



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.
 - **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.
 - **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. I will be setting assignments for you all to complete too. Try to “stay in the green” so that we have a greater chance of winning the weekly trophy.
 - **PE days** are **Thursday and Friday** so continue to remember to come in your PE kits on these days.
 - **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.
- Thank you for only bringing in small bags to hang on your pegs.**

You are all making such super progress and gaining in self-confidence as independent learners; I am very proud of you. This Term we will be having a really big push on KINDNESS and shall be using our Hand of Friendship display, that we discussed last Term, to celebrate friendship and kindness.

Remember to let me know if you are feeling sad or worried about anything, we can always find a way to make things better.

Love from,
Ms. Tunstall.

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

“Love each other as I have loved you” John 15:12

