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Badger Class Newsletter
(Term 4: 19th February-Thursday 28th March)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4.

During the start of this term your children will be taking the Spring NFER standardised assessments in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar. We will have the opportunity to discuss how they got on with these, alongside their daily progress in class, during the parents evenings on 11th and 14th March. I look forward to seeing you in person then. Some of the children's books will be available for you to enjoy too.

It is World Book Day on 7th March and we will be celebrating it by dressing up as a book character. We will also be holding a book swap day.

More information about these two events will follow shortly.

Here is a summary of what we will be doing in Term 4. Please take the opportunity to share this with your child.

Dear Badgers,

You are all working so very hard; I hope you are all proud of the progress that you are making. Here is what I have planned for this term:

English:

Wasn't *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* just wonderful? The ending is just so brilliant! I had hoped to squeeze in **The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler** but time wasn't on our side. So, as promised, we will be reading it this term.

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

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demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...

Our **Write Stuff** lessons will be focusing on writing **Explanations**. You'll be pleased to know that we will be using all of our Science knowledge about Rocks and Soil to help us. This non-fiction unit is based on a book that I know you will all love: ***The Street Beneath My Feet by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer***

Maths:

We will be completing our block on **Length and Perimeter** before beginning our focus on **Fractions**. Following this, we will be focusing on measuring **Mass and Capacity**. We'll also be carrying on with the Xtable booklets.

Science:

The focus for this term is **Light and Shadows**.

Geography:

We will be studying **Europe** this term and locating the countries that make up this continent. We will focus on both physical geography (rivers, seas, mountains) and human geography (key buildings and landmarks, flags).

Art and Computing:

Mrs Beale will be exploring **3D Art and Sculpture** with you in Art and also **Databases** in Computing. Both of these will take place on Monday afternoons.

Music:

We will be listening to, appraising and learning **The Dragon Song** by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman; a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

RE:

Our focus this Term continues with **Judaism**. During our second week we will be visiting a Jewish Synagogue in Bristol where you can ask questions about the religion, their festivals and the synagogue itself. Whilst we are there, we will be shown the Torah and see The Ten Commandments that are written in Hebrew.

Jigsaw:

This Term we will be focusing on **Healthy Me**. As the title suggests we will be looking at how we achieve being healthy by eating a balanced diet and staying active.

PE:

Our lessons continue to be on Thursdays with me and Fridays with Mrs Mac'. On Thursdays we will be doing **Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)** and on Fridays Mrs Mac' will be teaching further **Gymnastics**.

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French:

Our focus this term is on **Family and Friends**, including our pets. We will also be learning the French alphabet.

Badger Class Routines

- As usual, **Monday afternoon** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Beale will be taking you for Computing and 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. Mr Griffith and I are especially pleased with how well you are all doing with your “quizzing”; please keep up your efforts!
- **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.
- Please let me know if you are unable to do **Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables** at home.
- **PE** days are **Thursday and Friday** so continue to come in your PE kits on these days.

Congratulations, Badger Class for ensuring that our class is a kind and fun place to be a member of, both when we are working and playing. I am very proud to be your teacher. Let's have an enjoyable and successful Term 4!

Best wishes,

Lisa Tunstall.

[Link to school website with parent calendar at bottom of page](#)

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