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Badger Class Newsletter

(Term 5: 15th April - Friday 24th May)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 5! I hope you had a great Easter. This term we have the pleasure of working with The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust who have already set up a tank in Badger Class, much to the excitement of the children! We have had some spectacular guesses from the children as to what may be arriving in the tank; from baby sharks to tadpoles! However, no one guessed what is *actually* going to take up residence... elver (baby eels). We are going to foster 50 of them before they are released into Cam Brook, which we hope to be a part of. I hope our work with The Bristol Avon Rivers Trust will be fun and informative.

Here is a summary of what we will be doing in Term 5. Please take the opportunity to share this with your child.

English:

I'm so pleased that we were able to read *The Last Bear* as well as *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* last term. Such different stories, but both so enjoyable. This term we are reading one of my favourite books. It is called, **The Boy at the Back of the Classroom** by **Onjali Q. Rauf**.

This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and her three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).

Through their sensitivity, curiosity and bravery they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world. The message in this book is to not judge people before you know them and to be kind.

Our **Write Stuff** lessons will be focusing on writing a **Narrative** (story). It is based on the short film: **The Blue Umbrella** by Pixar Animations:

It is just another evening commute until the rain starts to fall, and the city comes alive to the sound of dripping rain pipes, whistling awnings and gurgling gutters. And in the midst, two umbrellas, one blue, one red, fall eternally in love.

I know that this fabulous video will inspire you to write some wonderful stories yourselves.

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Maths:

We have a very busy term of Maths: we will be extending our learning on **Fractions**; checking in on our understanding of **Money**; focusing on **Time** and finishing with learning about right, acute and obtuse **Angles**.

Science:

The focus for this term is **Plants**. We will be describing the life cycle of a flowering plant and carrying out tests to investigate plant structure and function.

History:

In Terms 1 and 2, we learnt all about Ancient Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age. We left our History learning with the Celts and this term we learn what happened when the **Romans** invaded Britain and how life changed for the people living there.

DT and Computing:

Mrs Beale will be exploring **Structures in DT** with a focus on designing and constructing a model of a **Castle**. In **Computing**, you will be **programming a musical sequence**. As usual, both of these will take place on Monday afternoons.

Music:

We will be listening to, appraising and learning a disco song called, **Bringing Us Together**. To complement our class reading book (The Boy at the Back of the Classroom) and our Jigsaw theme of having good relationships with people, we will also be listening to and becoming familiar with a beautiful song called, **I'll be your Refuge**

RE:

Our focus this Term is **Islam**. What do Muslims believe about Islam and Iman?

Jigsaw:

This Term we will be focusing on **Relationships**. This will involve looking at how to have good relationships within a friendship, within a family and as a global citizen.

PE:

Our lessons continue to be on Thursdays with me and Fridays with Mrs Mac'. On Thursdays we will be doing **Tennis** and on Fridays Mrs Mac' will be teaching further **Athletics**.

French:

We are lucky to have Ms Chivers teaching French this Term. She is an Early Career Teacher who is currently working in Otter Class. The topic is called School.

Badger Class Routines

➤ As usual, on **Monday afternoons** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Beale will be taking you for Computing and Design Technology.

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- **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. As I discussed with you before we broke-up for the Easter break, this term we will use the group baskets for highly recommended books where you can put a book that you think others will love in the baskets. The books that are usually in the baskets have all been put on the shelves using their ZPD numbers. As usual, your cards that you fill-in will be kept in the baskets so please continue to use them.
- **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.

I hope that you are looking forward to this term as much as I am; not only is the work really exciting and interesting, but I am hopeful that the sun will come out so that your playtimes together will be even more happier and fun!

As usual, Badgers please let me know (and your parents of course) if there is anything that you are worrying about; I will be able to help.

Best wishes,

Lisa Tunstall.

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