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## Badger Class Newsletter Term 1 2024

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.

Miss Horler, Mrs York and Mrs Mull will also be an integral part of Badger Class at different times throughout the week. Together we will endeavour to provide a happy classroom in which your children will learn and grow.

I will go over this letter with the children in class, but could I ask that you too read it with them so that they feel prepared and excited about the start of Year 3. Thank you.

Any queries or concerns, please catch me after school (except Thursdays 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.

Kindest regards,  
Lisa Tunstall

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

### Dear Children,

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

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- 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 this term:

I have chosen a wonderful book to read 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?!

We will also read another book called **Stone Age Boy** By Satoshi Kitamura. This complements our History topic and has the most wonderful twist at the end.

## Write Stuff:

We will be learning to write effective sentences for a **persuasive** holiday brochure. The work will be based around Skara Brae which is the remains of a Stone Age village found in Scotland.

## 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 **Telling the Time** both digital and analogue.

## Science:

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

## History:

Our topic for this Term is **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.

## Design and Technology:

In our topic Seasonal Foods we will learn that fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates and understand that seasonal fruits and vegetables grow in a given season. We will learn that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables positively affects the environment. Our topic will end by with us designing, making and evaluating a vegetable tart. Yum.

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**RE:**

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

**Computing:**

In the first couple of weeks I will show you how to login to our **Google Classroom**. It is important that you are confident in doing this so that you can access the reading quizzes and other work that I want you to do on the computer. In our Computing lessons we will be looking at how digital devices are connected through **systems and networks**.

**PE:**

You will be going **Swimming** this term and next with Mrs Beale, Miss Horler and Mrs York. *Children should wear their PE kits to school on Thursdays as this makes it easier and quicker for changing at the pool. Please ensure that they also bring their swimming kit, goggles and towel each Thursday in a named bag, along with their named swimming cap which will be provided.*

**Music:** Using our music scheme, Charanga we are focusing on a song called **Let Your Spirit Fly** by Joanna Mangona. However, Badger Class thrives on all sorts of singing so get your singing voices ready!

**Jigsaw:**

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

**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. We will also explore Cox's cave which explains more about our early ancestors. The letter sent last academic year with all the details can be found [here](#).

**Badger Class Routines**

- **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

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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.
- Each **Thursday afternoon** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Beale will be taking you Swimming with Miss Horler and Mrs York

### 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 because our cloakroom is a corridor used by all of the school and there simply isn't room to store rucksacks and large bags.

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 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.

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