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Badger Class Newsletter Term 2 2024 (Monday November 4th- Friday December 20th)

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to meet those of you who could make it to Parents' Evening.

This newsletter provides an overview of what we will do in class this term and confirms class routines and expectations. Please could you share this with your child? Thank you, Ms Tunstall.

Dear Badgers,

During Term 2 there is lots of exciting learning for us to enjoy. Here's what we will be doing:

Our class reads:

This Term we are reading ***The Wild Robot*** By Peter Brown. Some of you may have been to see the film adaptation which is on at the cinema. A heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide. This book is full of humour, drama and emotion. It'll be my first time reading it and I'm so looking forward to it.

We will also be reading one of my favourite books, ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*** By Kate DiCamillo. *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.*

In addition to the above books, we will also be enjoying a book called, ***A River*** by Marc Martin which will complement our Geography topic on Rivers. It is a beautiful geographical story with lush landscapes and poetic text from an award-winning Australian illustrator.

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.

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Maths:

We will be continuing with our **Addition and Subtraction** learning before focusing on **Multiplication and Division**. This term we will also get into the habit of starting and finishing most days with our Multiplication Booklets which is a fun way to remember our times tables. In Year 3 you should already know your **2, 5 and 10** times tables, after recapping on these we will then learn our **3, 4 and 8s**.

Science:

We will be working scientifically to learn about **Forces and Magnets**. This will involve: describing the effects of contact forces (pulls, pushes and twists); recognising and investigating the effects and uses of friction; describing and investigating the effects of magnets and explaining their uses.

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. There might even be a trip to our local river to see some of the features that we have discussed in class!

Art:

We are **Drawing** this term; identifying shapes; shading; tone and texture to help you draw more accurately. Artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Max Ernst will be studied.

RE:

We are continuing to study **Christianity**.

Computing:

Our Computing lessons will look at how to create **media animation**. We will start with flip books and end with using stop frame animation to tell a story.

PE:

Swimming will continue in this Term. (This will be the final term of swimming this academic year.)

Music:

In Music, we will be playing **Glockenspiels**.

Jigsaw:

Celebrating Difference: this term's puzzle is all about accepting and celebrating the differences between us all. We will be celebrating anti-bullying week in week 2 and focusing our thoughts about bullying in our Jigsaw lessons.

French:

In French, our theme is **All About Me**. This includes classroom instructions, colours, parts of the body, clothes and actions.

Handwriting:

All of the teachers at school have decided to introduce a new **Handwriting Scheme** and I'm really

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excited to start this with you. I'll also give some resources to take home with you so that you can show your parents and practise at home.

NFERs:

In weeks 1 and 2 we will be completing the Assessment Papers: Spelling; Punctuation and Grammar; Maths and Reading. This is nothing to worry about; they're used by me so that I can see what we need to concentrate on in our learning.

Christmas:

We have many special activities planned to celebrate this special time of year, including:

- **Benefice Schools' Christmas Sing:**

Badger Class have been invited to take part in this delightful event which will take place after school at Holy Trinity Church in Paulton on **Thursday 28th November 4.30-5.30**. I have chosen for us to sing **Away in a Manger**. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

- **Christmas Art Day**

On Friday 29th November we will work in our House Teams to make a Christmas display and create lots of Christmas-themed crafts.

- **Trip to The Tobacco Factory in Bristol:**

We have organised a trip for Years 3-6 to see **Hansel and Gretel** on **Thursday 12th December**. This is a great venue and I know we will have a fabulous experience. (There will be no swimming on this day.)

- **Owl Class Nativity:**

It's always wonderful to watch the youngest members of our school family perform in their Christmas Nativity.

- **Whole School Christmas Film**

We hope that this will be on the same day as the school's Christmas dinner to make this tradition even more special.

- **Badger Class Christmas Party:**

I am hoping that you will continue to work hard and earn your **DoJo treat** which will be a Class Christmas Party to include party games.

INSET:

On **Wednesday 27th November** there is training in school for all of the teachers. On this day you do not have to come to school.

Badger Class Routines

- **Swimming** with Mrs Beale will continue on Thursday afternoons.
- **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. You are all doing so well in the quizzes, Mr Griffith and I are very proud of you all. Quizzes can be taken at school or at home: [Book Quiz](#)
- **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

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given to reinforce and embed the spellings once you have hopefully learnt them. Practising your spellings will also be an ideal time to do some **handwriting practice** too.

- As well as spellings, I would like you to continue to do **Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables** at home to see if we can hold onto the Shield which is proudly displayed in our Maths area.

I am really looking forward to teaching you again this term! In Badger Class it is important for us all to have fun, do our very best and be kind. 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](#)

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.

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