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Badger Class Newsletter

Term 1 2025

(Wednesday 3rd September - Thursday 23rd October)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and 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. 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.

A quick note about starts and ends of the day as these are slightly different in Keystage 2. In the mornings, I will not be greeting the children outside as they enter school. Instead, they are expected to walk through the playground and enter the school independently where I will be waiting for them in the classroom. The end of the school day is at 3.20 (rather than 3.15) and the children are allowed to come to you (or whoever picks them up) as soon as they see you. I will expect the children to always say goodbye to me before leaving the line, however. In order that the transition from me to you is as swift and stress-free as possible, could I ask that you come forward to make it easier for your child to locate you? Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you ever have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please catch me after school once all the children have been dismissed (except Thursdays when Mrs Beale will be dismissing the class) or you can email me via the school office.

I look forward to working with you to ensure a happy and productive year for your child in Badger Class.

Kindest regards,
Lisa Tunstall

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For ease, [Link to school website with parent calendar at bottom of page](#) [Link to AR quizzing](#)

[Link to the letter sent to you last Term regarding our Class Trip to Cheddar next Tuesday 9th](#)

Dear Children,

Welcome to Badger Class!

THINGS THAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME

I will:

- praise you and encourage you when you try hard
- help you with your work so that you can understand
- tell you what we are doing everyday
- listen to you
- give you feedback on your work so that you know how well you doing and how to improve
- 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 spellings and using Doodle Maths
- let me know if you need help or are worried about something

Our class read this term:

I have chosen 3 wonderful books to read with you this term:

- ***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?!
- ***Stone Age Boy*** by Satoshi Kitamura. This complements our History topic and has the most wonderful twist at the end.
- ***The Nothing to See Here Hotel*** by Steven Butler. This funny story is about a hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel.

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. It will help us find out about how things changed during this long period of prehistory.

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Maths:

We will be focusing on **Place Value, Addition and Subtraction**.

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.

RE:

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

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.

PE:

You will be going **Swimming** this term and next with Mrs Beale.

Music:

Using our music scheme, Charanga we are focusing on a song called **Let Your Spirit Fly** by Joanna Mangona. However, this won't be the only song that we will enjoy as 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 Tuesday, 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 and the Museum.

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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. You can do this at school or at home. [Link to AR quizzing](#)
- **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/or 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. You should wear your PE kits to school on Thursdays as this makes it easier and quicker for changing at the pool.

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.
- Lunch, if you bring it from home.

Please note - Large bags and rucksacks: for Health and Safety reasons, Mr Griffith has requested that these should **not** be brought into school as there simply isn't room to store them.

Badger Class is a friendly and happy place to learn. I want you to grow in confidence and enjoy your learning. So, if there is ever a time when you are worried or unhappy, please let me know or talk to your parents so that we can make things better for you.

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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