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Badger Class Newsletter

(Term 4: 23rd February-Thursday 2nd April)

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 16th and 19th March. I look forward to seeing you in person then. Some of the children's books will be available for you to enjoy too.

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:

Our new book is called, **The Boy at the Back of The Class** by Onjali Q. Rauf

This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and 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, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world. There's a lovely lack of stereotyping on gender and backstory for the narrator, which adds to the message of not judging people before you know them.

Our **Write Stuff** lessons will be focusing on writing **Explanations**. You'll be pleased to know that we will be

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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 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. In year 3 you are expected to know your 2x, 5x, 10x, (from year 2), 3x, 4x, 8x.

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).

Design Technology:

Mrs Beale will be teaching Design Technology again and this term you will be learning about seasonal fruit and vegetables and using this knowledge to make a seasonal tart.

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**.

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 Mrs Beale and Fridays with me. On Thursdays you will be doing **Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)** and on Fridays we will focus on **Gymnastics**.

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, on **Thursday afternoons** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA)

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time. Mrs Beale will be taking you for DT and PE.

➤ **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 continue to do **Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables** at home. For those of you in the green zone on Fridays, you will have the chance to spend 20 minutes on DoJo Island.

➤ **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!

Love,

Ms. Tunstall.

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