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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.

Any queries or concerns, please catch me after school 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.

Our class read this term:
We will be reading a fantastic book in Badger Class 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 **Forces and Magnets**. As scientists, we will be investigating how objects move across different surfaces, discovering why friction makes things speed up or slow down. We'll also be diving into the fascinating world of magnets—learning how magnetic forces can act from a distance, testing which everyday materials are magnetic, and mastering how magnetic poles attract or repel each other. Expect lots of hands-on experiments, predictions, and scientific testing throughout the term!

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.

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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 with us designing, making and evaluating a vegetable tart.

RE:
We will be delving into the big question: *What is it like to follow God?* We will be investigating how religious teachings inspire believers in their daily lives, examining key stories, practices, and values.

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. *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:
Linking seamlessly with our History topic, our Year 3 musicians will be using the three periods of the **Stone Age** as creative inspiration for reading, writing, and performing Western rhythm notation. Pupils will work with 1 ½, 2 and 4 beats, along with single-beat rests, applying their learning to compose and perform an original rhythmic piece in small groups.

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

French
We are excited to begin our French journey this term! We will kick off by learning essential phonics and pronunciation skills to help us speak with confidence. Following this, our focus will turn to the unit *"I Am Learning French"*, where pupils will learn basic greetings, simple conversation skills, and key everyday vocabulary.

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.

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 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.

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 Griffith 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.

Kind regards,

Miss Langley

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