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Welcome to Badgers and Squirrels 2/1 classes



Here are some snippets of information to inform you about some things we will be doing this term in our classes.

In maths this term we will be focussing on: counting, understanding hundreds, tens and ones, securing number facts, understanding addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, mental calculation strategies, understanding shape and space, problem-solving, fractions, money and handling data.

In English this term we will be focussing on: story-writing, fact sheets, instructions, recounts, poetry and descriptive writing. We will also focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

Subject	The main topic this term will be: Aliens
Science	Everyday materials
History	Changes within living memory
Geography	Fieldwork and observation of the geography of school and its grounds and the features of its surrounding environment
ICT	Coding Internet safety
Music	Music Express
RE	How do Christians show they belong to their faith family? Why is light a symbol for different religions?
Art	Create an alien - clay alien, collage

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford
Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

PE	Fundamental skills for invasion games Sports hall athletics
DT	Textile - Christmas stocking or bauble
PSHE	New beginnings Getting on and falling out

Learning at home

Each half term we will send a number of fun **maths** activities for you to do with your child. These can be done in any order and may not necessarily need to be completed using a pencil and paper.

To promote independence, Badgers and Squirrels choose their own reading book from the appropriate colour book basket. This will be done on arrival at school and is checked by a member of staff. When your child has shared their book with you at home, and you have written in the reading record, remind them to change the book the next morning. Over the next few days and weeks we will be showing the children what to do.

Please listen to your child **read** as often as possible as research shows that children who regularly read at home make greater progress. Please sign the reading record each time; no comment is required unless there is an issue you wish us to look at. Sharing books together and reading to a child can enhance your child's bank of ideas for story-writing and is a nice way to end the day with them.

If you or a friend or relative have a few minutes to spare each week, we would very much appreciate you coming in to support the children with their reading, by hearing them read or playing word games with them. This does not need to be for a whole morning or afternoon - 15 minutes during registration in the morning, or the last twenty minutes of the day would be really valuable. Each class also needs a volunteer to help the children change their library books each week. Please let us know if you would be available.

Spellings:

Each week your child will be given six spellings to learn for their phonics class the following Thursday. Most children find that using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method works well. Evidence of knowing spellings will be found within the children's work. At times, some of the words may prove easy for your child so you can extend their word skills by playing word games with them, such as hangman, scrabble and anagram games. This year the children will be doing their weekly spelling test at the back of their book so you will be able to see their spelling score.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in class every day. Keeping hydrated has been shown to be beneficial for health and well-being. However, we also have a social time each day when the children can drink and share thoughts and ideas. In the past, we have felt that children without bottles have missed out on sharing this experience.

BADGERS and SQUIRRELS will have PE on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

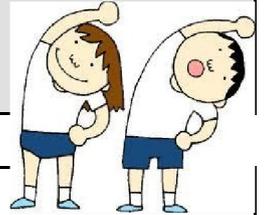
They will need a clearly labelled kit - *plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts and plimsolls*

Due to limited cloakroom space can you please provide a small, named PE bag.

Rucksacks are very bulky on the pegs and drawstring PE bags fit better.

PE kits **do not** need to go home every week; they can remain in school and go home each holiday.

If kit gets grubby we will send it home to you!



Uniform

Can we please remind everyone that children need to be wearing correct uniform each day, including black school shoes. Trainers may **ONLY** be worn for outdoor PE lessons. Nail varnish and jewellery (including wristbands) need to be removed for school. If your child has pierced ears they may wear stud earrings, although these need to be removed by the parent or child before PE lessons. It is easier not to wear earrings on PE days.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child or their learning, please feel free to come and speak to any of us **after** school.

Thank you from:

Badgers: Mrs Campbell, Mrs Jolly, Mrs Jilley, Ms Holden, Mrs Lister and Mrs Chamberlain

Squirrels: Mrs Walsh, Mrs Willer, Mrs Jolly, Mrs Ebert, Mrs Lister