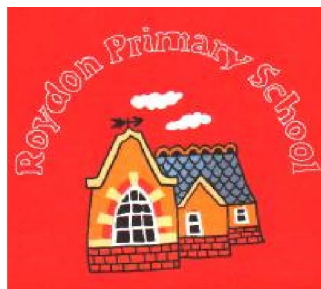


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Information for the Autumn Term 2016



Welcome to Badgers and Squirrels 2/1 classes!

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

On Friday 16th September, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Walsh will be holding a parent meeting in Badgers at the start of school. This will give us a chance to tell you about the fabulous things we are planning this year and provide an opportunity for you to have an informal chat with us if you feel the need.

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, recounts, poetry, descriptive writing, spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

Subject	The main topics this term will be: <i>Ourselves, Celebrations</i>
<i>Geography</i>	The four countries of the UK and their capitals, the 7 continents and 5 oceans
<i>History</i>	Lives of significant individuals Significant national events (<i>Guy Fawkes, Remembrance</i>)
<i>Science</i>	Living things and their habitats
<i>ICT</i>	Coding, animation Paint programs
<i>DT</i>	Sewing felt decorations Festive treats
<i>Art</i>	Drawing & painting flags, seascape collage, firework pictures Clay
<i>RE</i>	Why are the stories Jesus told important to Christians? What can we learn about Jesus from the Nativity story?
<i>PE</i>	Dance Games
<i>Music</i>	Music Express
<i>PSHE</i>	New beginnings Getting on and falling out

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford

Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

Learning @ home Journal

Each 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. However we will pop some paper into the Learning Journal folder in case it is needed. Please have a go at these activities as they will support the learning your child does in class. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you are ever unsure of what the task requires.

We would like Learning @ home Journals to be brought into school on the last Monday before half term.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible as research shows that children that 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. Reading 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.

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. You can extend their word skills by playing word games with them, such as Hangman, Scrabble and anagram games.

Reading

Reading should be practised daily if possible and recorded in your child's reading record.

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.

P.E.

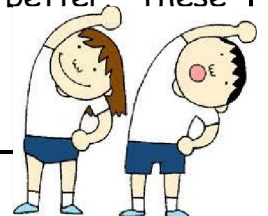
BADGERS will have P.E. on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS.

SQUIRRELS will have P.E. on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS.

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

Due to limited cloakroom space can you please provide a small, named P.E. bag. Rucksacks are very bulky on the pegs and we have found that drawstring P.E. bags fit better. These will be available to buy from school

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 can be bought to school to be used in outdoor PE lessons only. Jewellery (including wristbands) and nail varnish need to be removed for school. If your child has pierced ears they can wear stud earrings only; however these need to be removed by the child before PE lessons. It is easier not to wear earrings on P.E. days.

Water Bottles

Please can you 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. 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.

Classroom/Library Helpers

We would be extremely grateful for any adult helpers who would like to come in and help with lessons or to hear the children read. We rely heavily on parental support as our busy timetable doesn't allow us to hear children read individually very often. Having an encouraging, friendly and supportive listener has a significant impact on children's reading.

If you have an hour or two free we are also looking for someone to supervise the children whilst they change their library books. All necessary support and training will be given. If you are interested please pop in and see us so that we can make arrangements.



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 Pharoah, Mrs Jilley, Ms Holden and Mrs Collis.

Squirrels: Mrs Walsh, Miss Willer, Mrs Pharoah, Mrs Feavearyear, Miss Page, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Mills.