



Information for the Spring Term 2018



What's going on in Badgers and Squirrels classes

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

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 and descriptive writing. We will also focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

Subject	The main topic this term will be: Under the Sea
Science	Animals including humans
Geography	Name, locate and identify the seven continents and five oceans of the world. Geographical skills and fieldwork.
ICT	Coding Emails iPads to photograph and video
Music	Music Express
RE	Judaism - What do Jews remember on Shabbat? Christianity - Why do some Christians share bread and drink wine together in a special way
Art	Seascape collage Porthole pictures Look at the work of a great artist
PE	Gymnastics Dance
DT	Cooking and nutrition
PSHE	Good to be me Going for goals

Learning at home

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

Please listen to your child read as often as possible as research shows that children who read regularly 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 lovely 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 their 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.

BADGERS and SQUIRRELS will have PE on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

They will need a clearly labelled kit.

Please provide a small, named PE bag. Back packs are very bulky on the pegs and we have found that drawstring PE bags fit better.

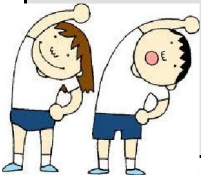
Children need:

A plain white t-shirt, shorts and indoor trainers

Tracksuit and outdoor trainers

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.



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.

Uniform

Can we please remind everyone that children need to wear correct uniform, including black school shoes. Trainers can be brought to school to be used in PE lessons only. Nail varnish needs to be removed for school and children should not wear jewellery (including wristbands). If your child has pierced ears they can wear stud earrings; however these need to be removed by the 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 please feel free to come and speak to any of us *after* school.

Thank you from Badgers: Mrs Campbell, Mrs Jolly, Mrs Jilley and Ms Holden.
Squirrels: Mrs Walsh, Miss Willer, Mrs Jolly, Mrs Ebert and Mrs Lister.