



## Information for the Autumn Term 2018

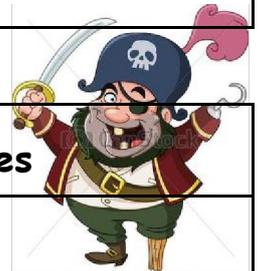
### Welcome to Badgers and Squirrels 2/1 classes

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

**On Wednesday 19th September Badgers and Squirrels are getting into the festive spirit to create our Cauliflower Cards for this Christmas. This is a really fun afternoon and we would love you to join us at 1:30pm. If Mum or Dad can't be at school, nannas and grandads or other adults are more than welcome.**

**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 shall be focussing on:** Story writing, recounts, poetry, and descriptive writing. We will also focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting.



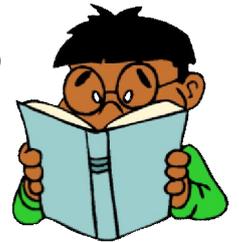
Subject	The main topic this term will be: <b>Pirates</b>
<i>Science</i>	Everyday materials
<i>Computing</i>	Coding Paint programs
<i>History</i>	Lives of significant individuals Significant national events ( <i>Guy Fawkes, Remembrance</i> )
<i>Geography</i>	The four countries of the UK and their capitals. <i>Geographical skills and field work.</i>
<i>DT</i>	Festive treats
<i>Art</i>	Drawing & painting flags; seascape collage; Firework pictures; clay
<i>Music</i>	Use voice expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using inter-related dimensions of music. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically. Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high quality live and recorded music.

<b>PE</b>	Throwing and catching skills. Sportshall athletics
<b>RE</b>	Why are the stories Jesus told important to Christians? What can we learn about Jesus from the Nativity story? Why is meeting together important for Christians?
<b>PSHE</b>	New beginnings Getting on and falling out

## Learning at home

### Maths:

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.



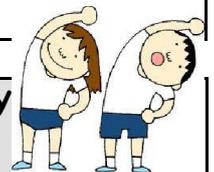
### Reading:

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. A comment only needs to be recorded if you would like to. 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.

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.

### 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 hang man, scrabble and anagram games.



## **BADGERS and SQUIRRELS will have PE on TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

They will need a clearly labelled kit to include:

a plain white t-shirt, shorts and indoor trainers **AND** a tracksuit and outdoor trainers.

**Please provide a small, named PE bag. Back packs are very bulky on the pegs - 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.

**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.**

**In addition, we also have a social time each day when the children can drink water while sharing thoughts and ideas. In the past, we have felt that children without bottles have missed out on sharing this experience.**

### **Uniform**

Can we please remind everyone that children need to be wearing correct uniform including black school shoes. Trainers can only be worn in school for PE lessons. Nail varnish and jewellery (including wristbands) need to be removed for school. 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.

### **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 all children read individually as often as we would like. 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 while 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 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 Davis, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Jolly, and Mrs Chamberlain.