

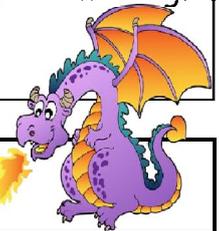


Information for the Summer Term 2019
Welcome to Badgers and Squirrels 2/1 classes

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

In maths 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 we will 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: Dragons
<i>Science</i>	Animals, including humans
<i>Geography</i>	Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map.
<i>ICT</i>	Coding, Photography, Movie Maker, Book Creator
<i>Music</i>	Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music. Play tunes and untuned instruments musically. Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high quality live and recorded music.
<i>RE</i>	RE - Teachings and Authority How and why are some stories and books sacred and important. (Judaism and other religions.)
<i>Art</i>	Drawing dragons Junk model dragons
<i>PE</i>	Fundamental skills for net games and for striking and fielding Athletics

DT	Textiles
PSHE	Water safety CPR Moving on.

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.

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 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.

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 Clarke, Mrs Jolly, Miss Mewse and Mrs Chamberlain.