



Information for the Summer Term 2021



Welcome to Badgers and Squirrels classes

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

Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction, weight, time, multiplication, division, fractions, 2d shapes, 3d shapes, symmetry.
English	Lists, instructions, story writing, recounts, poetry, and descriptive writing. We will also focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting.
Science	Living things and their habitats
Computing	Using technology to create animations. Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. Basic keyboard skills. Understand how to access the internet. Use search engines to find information.
History	Castles Lives of significant individuals Significant national events (St George's Day)
Geography	Compare two settlements - use globes, maps, plans at a range of scales Use geographical language to describe features and locations.
DT	Sewing Dragon puppets
Art	Drawing, painting, collages and use of clay.
Music	The difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch. Control of instruments. Singing sounds with control and expression.
PE	Athletics. Striking and fielding.
PSHE	Friendships

Topic

This term our topic work will be Dragon & Castles. Much of our work across the curriculum will be centred on this topic.

Maths

There are lots of things your child could be practising at home with you. For example, they could be learning their times tables, starting with x2, x5, x10, then x3, x4. They could also be learning to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to – followed by telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes). They could be identifying different 2d and 3d shapes, and counting out money and paying for items in a shop whilst working out their change.

Also, please don't forget your child has a subscription to Maths Shed (please contact us if you need your child's log in details again).

Spellings

Each week your child will be given between 5 and 8 spellings to learn for their phonics class. They will be tested each week (on a Friday). The new words will be uploaded onto the Class Dojo Class Story each Friday. The spellings will be linked to their current phonics phase and the sound/sounds they've been learning during the week. Most children find that using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check' method works well. You can extend their word skills by playing word games with them, such as hang man, scrabble and anagram games. Similarly, they could try to put that word in a sentence, etc.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle (named at the top) in class every day. Keeping hydrated has been shown to be beneficial for health and well-being.

Reading

Bug Club

Your child should be bringing home 2-3 books to read with you. These books can stay at home from Monday to Thursday. On a Thursday, we would like the books and the child's reading record sheet returned. Then, we can replace reading books and quarantine them for 72 hours, before giving new books to the children on the following Monday.

Added to this, your child will continue to have a subscription to the brilliant Bug Club. This gives your child access to lots of online books, coupled with comprehension style questions to check their understanding. Please contact us if you require your child's log in details again.

PE

We have PE on TUESDAY & THURSDAY. The children will need a clearly labelled kit to include: a plain white t-shirt, shorts and indoor trainers AND a tracksuit and outdoor trainers. Due to limited locker space, please provide a small, named PE bag. Back packs are very bulky and we find that 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.

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.

Homework Menu

Please look out for our first Homework Menu this term. These have been designed for the children to continue their learning at home and for you to become involved in our topic. As usual, we would love to see any of the activities the children complete posted on their Class Dojo portfolio.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office and they will forward your email/phone call onto us, or send us a private message on Class Dojo.

Kind regards, Mr Santy, Miss Vale, Mrs Lister, Mrs Jilley & Mrs Skulski