



## Information for the Autumn 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	Counting, understanding hundreds, tens and ones, securing number facts, understanding addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, mental calculation strategies, understanding shape and space, problem solving, fractions, money and handling data.
English	Lists, instructions, story writing, recounts, poetry, and descriptive writing. We will also focus on spelling, punctuation and handwriting.
Science	Everyday materials
Computing	Learning to code
History	Inspirational people and Black History
Geography	Map work including our local area
DT	Design, make and evaluate a mode of transport
Art	Artwork inspired by Kandinsky using different media including clay
Music	Using voices expressively and exploring instruments
PE	Athletics and Ball skills
RE	Belonging and Christianity
PSHE	Health & Wellbeing

## **Topic**

This term our topic work will be Superheroes. 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 and x10. They could also be learning to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter). 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.

We will be sending a homework menu home that will list more activities. We would love to see any photos posted onto our Class Dojo pages.

## **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 Thursday). 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**

Your child will bring home a reading book that should be returned when it is finished.

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 Monday & Tuesday. 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.

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

Kind regards,

Miss Vale, Miss Birkinshaw, Ms Keen & Mrs Skulski