



Information for the Autumn Term 2020



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 and 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	Animals including humans
Computing	Learning to code
History	Lives of significant individuals Significant national events (Guy Fawkes, Remembrance)
Geography	The four countries of the UK and their capitals. The seven continents and five oceans Geographical skills and field work.
DT	Design an appealing product for themselves and other users. Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]
Art	Drawing, painting, collages and use of clay.
Music	The difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch
PE	Fundamental skills for invasion games
RE	What sights and sounds can be experienced within religion?
PSHE	Health & Wellbeing

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. They could also be learning to tell the time (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to). 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 more detailed list home and we would love to see any photos posted on Class Dojo.

Reading

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

Spellings

Each week your child will be given anywhere from 5 to 8 spellings to learn for their phonics class the following Thursday. These words will be uploaded onto the Class Dojo Class Story. The spellings will be linked to their current phonics phase and the sound 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.

Reading Challenge – Extreme Reading!

This term the children have a challenge to read a book/comic in a weird and wonderful place. If you could take a photo of your child reading and post it onto Class Dojo, that would be fabulous. We can then make a display of all the extreme places children are reading and talk about the books that interest them.

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.

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.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office and they will forward your email/phone call onto us.

Kind regards,

Mr Santy, Miss Vale, Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Jilley & Mrs Skulski