



Badgers Class Newsletter - Term 5

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are not too stuffed from all the delicious chocolate! Fingers crossed the weather will continue to be nice, meaning that we can be out on the field for lunchtimes, making the most of our amazing grounds. It is another busy term work-wise so hopefully you are all rested and ready to go!

Our Curriculum

This term we are beginning a new topic titled 'Quest For The Kingdom'.

The children will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought for land and power, and how the fighting ultimately led to the kingdom of England we have today. They will investigate different aspects of daily life and research significant people from the era. This will also link with our English

work in the latter part of the term, looking at the epic Anglo-Saxon tale Beowulf.



In Science, our theme this term is 'States of Matter'. The children will look at how materials can be classified as either a solid, liquid or gas and the properties of these states. Through practical investigations, we will find out how we can change the state of different materials and will learn about the water cycle process.



Our DT sessions this term, children will be looking at the design and structure of different pavilions and then designing and producing free-standing structures that are strong, stable and aesthetically pleasing from a range of materials.



In English this term we are beginning by reading the story of 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes - If anyone would like to make their own model Iron Man to be displayed with our work later in the term, we would love to see them!

No early start for swimming this term! We are back in school for PE now every **Tuesday** afternoon, working on our tennis skills. We will be developing our ball control with a racket, learning forehand and backhand shots and performing an underarm serve. All of these skills will then allow pupils to have mini games with a partner.





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The end of year Government multiplication check is getting closer (beginning of June), so we are continuing to work really hard in class to learn our times tables. It is important that pupils are able to random recall tables facts quickly - within 3-5 seconds. All children **MUST** be practising their timetables at home. Each week children are set Sound Checks and Studio sessions to complete. Those pupils who are logging on regularly (it need only be for 10-15 minutes each day) are making great progress and the improvement in their speed of recall is really notable. Another good site to look at for multiplication practise is www.mathsframe.co.uk where you can find lots of different games and mini tests. If you missed the meeting about the multiplication check before the Easter break, the Powerpoint is available for viewing on our class website page. Knowing their times tables efficiently will also help greatly with our next maths topic which is fractions!



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader continues to work well in class with all pupils reading for around 20 minutes each day and having the opportunity to take their quiz and change books when needed. The aim is to score 100% in a quiz (this earns them 5 house points). They are aiming to keep their average above 85% across the term and merits are awarded for achieving this. They retook their assessments just before Easter and have new ZPD levels in their yellow reading books this week. It was great to see almost all pupils making progress from their last assessment.



Please listen to your child read and talk about their book as often as possible and write in their record book, as this shows us the amount and range of reading they are doing. Building up reading stamina, reading a range of different texts and developing comprehension skills are important preparation for reading assessments where pupils have to read and answer questions on several different texts in an hour.



We are busy finalising all the details for our fantastic trip with Year 3 to Legoland on Friday 20th June and hopefully the payment option on Bromcom will be available by the end of this week. The cost of the trip is £23.00 for the full day which includes coach travel, entrance to the park and an hour-long building workshop.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact via the school office.

Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Turner