

Badgers Class Newsletter - Term 4

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another busy term. This term is jam packed with exciting events including Swimming, Parents Evenings, World Book Day, Creative Fortnight, Red Nose Day and Easter events too.



Our Curriculum

This term we will be continuing our 'Ancient Egypt' topic. We will be finding out all about the different Gods and Goddesses, exploring the process of mummification, looking at how the great pyramids were built, as well as learning about the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb by Howard Carter



In Science, we will be continuing to investigate our teeth. The children will be studying the different types of teeth that carnivores and herbivores have in their mouths and the different jobs they do. They will also be finding out what causes damage to our teeth and learning about the importance of good oral hygiene. Science Week also falls in this term so we will be having some exciting workshops, live lessons and completing a couple more investigations to work towards our CREST Science award.

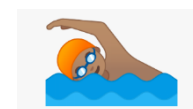


In DT this term we will spend the first couple of weeks finishing our Egyptian collars and then move on to using papier mâché to sculpt and create our own Egyptian canopic jars. A big thank you to those who have already donated Pringles tubes but we are still on the look out for a few more, so if you pop open a tube in the next couple of weeks, please bring the empty tube in for us to use (with lid).



We will be continuing with our photo editing unit where pupils will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

Our PE day this term has changed to a FRIDAY so that we are able to go swimming. Pupils should arrive in school at 8.15 - 8.20am on Monday mornings so that we are able to be registered and on the coach at 8.30am. We are not able to wait for late students - they will have to stay in school and work in another class until our return. Lessons are taught by fully qualified swimming instructors at Cygnets Leisure Centre. Girls must have their hair tied back (bun or plait is best) and **no jewellery** is to be worn. The children do get hungry after these sessions, so please send pupils in with a snack to eat on our return to school.



Spellings - The new list of spelling words to work on at home this term is on the class page on the website and they will bring home a worksheet each Tuesday with the weekly words on too. This sheet does not have to come back into school - it is just a support for home. Please help by testing your child on the whole list to begin with and then help them to learn the ones that they found tricky. Remember to use the Spelling Shed app at home too please - assignments are set each Tuesday and are based on their words for that week.

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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 **15 minutes of studio practice and 2 Sound Checks** to complete. For your information, the 'Sound Check' is the section that is very similar in format to the Government test at the end of the year. Those pupils who are logging on regularly (it need only be for 10 minutes each day) are already making great progress and the improvement in their speed of recall is really notable. In addition to this, it was good to see lots of pupils scoring much higher this time in their most recent MTC assessment, which we completed in the middle of last term.



We will be holding a short meeting for parents after school on **Monday 10th March** to give you more information about how you can help prepare pupils with their tables in preparation for the test.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader continues to work well in class with all pupils reading for around 15-20 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.



We have an Accelerated Reading almost every day and the adults in class try to hear children read individually in this session so please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day. Please listen to your child read and talk about their books at home as often as possible and write in their record book too (it does not have to be their AR book) as this shows us the amount and range of reading they are doing.

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 25th / Wednesday 26th February - Parents Evenings
- Friday 28th February - Swimming begins (and every Friday for Term 4)
- Monday 3rd March - Creative Fortnight Begins (Art / English / Science)
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (dressing up as book character)
- Monday 10th March - Multiplication Check meeting for parents after school
- Tuesday 11th March - Cinema Trip to see 'The Wild Robot' (see separate letter)
- Tuesday 18th March - Open Classroom
- Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Service at Church

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

Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Turner