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Badgers Class Newsletter – Term 6

Welcome back everyone! This is it! Our final term in Year 4! It is going to be a very busy few weeks with lots of work to get through in class along with exciting events such as our trip to Legoland, Sports Day, Outdoor Learning Week, School Disco and Colour Run!

Our Curriculum

This term we will continue our 'Quest For The Kingdom' topic. We will finish the Anglo Saxon period and then focus on the Vikings. The children will look



at how the Vikings were better warriors than the Anglo-Saxons, how their longships were well designed for battle and look at significant figures of the time such as King Alfred the Great. Our English texts will link to our humanities work – the epic Anglo-Saxon tale 'Beowulf' and 'How to Train your Dragon', where Hiccup the Viking trainee befriends a dragon named Toothless.



**** If you wish to carry out any additional work at home, why not have a go at making a model of a Viking longboat or one of the Viking warrior shields.**

In Science, the first couple of weeks back will be spent continuing our 'States of Matter' topic and then our final unit is 'Electricity'. The children will construct simple circuits using a range of components such as bulbs, buzzers and switches. They will investigate which materials are good conductors of electricity and learn all about electrical safety in the home.



In our DT sessions this term, we will be using our new knowledge about electricity to evaluate electrical products, looking at how they are made and why they are useful. They will then look in close detail at the features of a torch before designing and making their own functioning torch with a switch.

PE continues to be on a Tuesday and we will be out on the field (hopefully) practising our athletics skills of running, jumping and throwing. This will be good preparation for our annual Sports Day on 25th June. Please make sure girls are able to remove their earrings and have a hair band to tie their hair back.



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In maths this term, we will be finishing off our work on fractions, learning to add and subtract fractions both as improper fractions and mixed numbers and we will then be focusing on decimal notation up to two decimal places, including money.



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TT Rockstars

The end of year Government multiplication check window is now open and we will be completing the assessment with your children next week. I have been really impressed with the number of children that increased the time spent on TTR each week last term and there is a noticeable difference in both speed of recall and accuracy. Please continue to use TT Rockstars daily to practise times tables, in particular the 'Sound Check', which is the same format as the assessment they will undertake. They will have six seconds to answer each question and need to read the question carefully and type the numbers accurately. **ACCURACY** is the most important thing for this assessment, not speed.



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader continues in class with all pupils reading regularly 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 - only around half of pupils achieved this in Term 5! Let's see if we can improve on this in Term 6. Please listen to your child read and talk about their book 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. 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.



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th June - Class photographs

Tuesday 17th June - Year 4 Parent Lunch

Friday 20th June - Y3/4 trip to Legoland

Wednesday 25th June - Whole School Sports Day (parents to attend for am session)

16th - 27th June - Formal assessments to take place throughout these two weeks

Friday 4th July - School Disco

Friday 11th July - Colour Run (pm)

Wednesday 16th July - Class Swap day and Open Classroom (after school)

Tuesday 22nd July - End of Term!

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

Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Turner