



Welcome to Badgers Class Newsletter for Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope everyone had a restful half term. Term 1 was extremely successful, all the children settled in well to the class and to their new routines. We now have our new class TA, Mrs Capon, who loved working with the children and getting to know them. All the children had a fantastic time at Sky Studios this week, we hope you enjoyed watching the video they made. We still have a very exciting term to come with our cinema trip and all our Christmas celebrations towards the end of term.

If you have any questions, I will be available after school (apart from Wednesdays) or please feel free to email the school office and they will forward the message on.

Our Curriculum

Our theme for Humanities, Tomb Raiders, will continue throughout Term 2. We will be focusing on the historic aspects of the topic and learning about everyday life in Ancient Egypt, beliefs and rituals and gods and pharaohs. Children will learn how historians have found out about Egyptians, including interpreting hieroglyphics and discovering treasures inside the pyramids.

The children will be making canopic jars during their Art lessons this term. Please can you send in as many Pringles tubes as you can over the next few weeks so that all the children have an opportunity to take their work home.



In Science, we will be finishing our Sound topic and beginning our next topic, Living Things and Their Habitats. Through lots of practical activities, we will be learning to classify living things in different ways, identifying plants and exploring the impact that humans have on living things and their environment.



Long term homework is not set formally but if your child is interested in researching something related to our humanities or science topics, they are more than welcome to do so and share their findings with the class. This could be a PowerPoint, poster, pictures and facts or model, for example.

Further information about our curriculum can be found on the school website.

Mathematics

For Maths, we use the White Rose scheme of learning. This term we will be learning about addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. We will be revising what the children have learnt previously and building upon this to work with numbers up to ten thousand.



Year 4 will have their National Multiplication Check towards the end of the year. Before the check, we will hold a parent meeting to give you all the relevant information. All children also need to be practising their timetables (using TT Rockstars). Login details can be found in the front of their reading record books. All children also need to be practising their timetables (using TT Rockstars). Login details can be found in the front of their reading record books. The children will complete a minimum of one soundcheck, 5 Studio games and 5 Garage games each week. This should take around 11 minutes and can be completed at home or at school. The children will receive 5 house points for completing them all and the whole class will receive 5 class points if they all complete their allotted sessions.



Weekly Spellings

We are now using Spelling Shed to teach and practice spellings. They will have a 30 minute lesson every Tuesday which will focus on a spelling rule or pattern, followed by spelling activities throughout the week linked to the spelling rule or pattern being studied.

A list of the spelling rules/patterns will be sent home weekly with the children, sometimes along with optional activities for them to complete. The terms spellings will also be made available on the class page of the school website.

Each Monday your child will have a spelling test based on the spelling patterns from the week before. We may also include spellings from previous weeks as well as the Year 4 common exception words that we will also be practising in school. They will complete their test in spelling books which will be marked and then sent home for you to share. New spellings will be sent home each Tuesday to be practised during the week at home and tested the following week in school.

Pupils will also have a Spelling Shed account, that gives them access to the online games which will support them in learning the weekly spellings. We would like children to spend at least 10 minutes per week playing these games as it will really help strengthen their recall.

A Parent Guide is available here: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

PE- Year 4 PE day is Friday

Our PE topic this term will be Gymnastics. We will be practising a range of movement skills including balance, jumps, rolls and shapes. We will be developing routines with partners and in groups that combine all the skills. Please can you make sure your child has the right PE kit. No earrings are to be worn on PE days unless your child can take them out themselves, they will need a small pot to keep them safe. Our PE lessons will be inside this term but the children will still need to dress for the colder weather throughout the day. They can bring some shorts with them in their bag to change into if needed.

Reading

In Year 4, the children continue to use the Accelerated Reading programme, where children have been assessed at the beginning of term, in order to identify a level in which they need to read at. They need to read within this range – they do a quiz on the book once they've read it and this gives us an indication of the comprehension. Quizzes can only be done in school. The aim is to get 100% in a quiz and so sometimes a child might be asked to choose a lower level based on their level of comprehension, rather than fluency alone.



We have noticed that a lot of the children are not reading at home, please could you try to encourage them as much as possible. Reading really does have a big impact on all their learning.

Please use the following link to sign up for email notifications for Home Connect. You will then receive an email each time your child completes a quiz in school. You will also be able to find out how they are doing with their termly reading targets. Your child's login details are in their reading records.

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6706259>

We have an accelerated reading session each day in class, so please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day.

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

Kind Regards,

Miss Hipkiss