

Badger Class

Parent/Carers Meeting Friday 7th September 2018

First of all, Mrs Chamberlain and I would like to thank you to those that attended the meeting on Friday. It was nice to catch up with familiar faces and to meet some new ones!

During the course of our meeting on the 7th of September 2018 we discussed various topics.

Spellings: a list of common high frequency words is used and each child will have spellings tailored to their level of need. These are different for each year group and get progressively harder towards Year 6.

Spelling and Grammar: this is taught as a discrete lesson and is part of the Year 6 SATs test. A list of common terms will be supplied to support parents and careers.

Reading books: children will be allowed to change their own books with adult guidance. If they choose to read a home book rather than a school one then that is fine.

Calculations for maths: maths teaching is different as children are now no longer expected to learn calculations by rote. Each step of the teaching and learning is designed to help children understand why and how they can get an answer. The school is putting together a calculations policy that will be shared with parents when it has been agreed by staff and governors. In the meantime please just pop in to see Miss Waring who can explain any concepts.

Curriculum: the topic for the half term is Romans and the topic flyer will show the timetable and expectations for learning across this half term. The children will be having discrete French lessons.

Handwriting: the expectation is that children are joining their handwriting by the end of Year 6 and that this is one of the expectations for passing the SAT's.

Homework: children are reported to be struggling with sentence homework topics. It has been agreed that these will be changed and linked to Topic work to further engage the children. Maths homework will be sent home and will be set according to a child's Year group and abilities.

Timetabling: Badger class timetable is very busy. There are discrete lessons in Science, Maths and English as well as handwriting, spelling and grammar, Topic, Music and PHSE.

P.E: On a Thursday Rabbit class and Badger class will be doing P.E. together. This term will be focusing on Tag Rugby. P.E. kits will be needed throughout the week as there may be additional sessions added. As part of their P.E. your child will need tracksuit bottoms and please be advised that these may come home dirty. Long hair must always be tied back and earrings removed (preferably) or taped over with micro-pore tape.

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Water/Bottles/Fruit/Snack: Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. Due to hygiene issues cups will not be given to children. All fruit/snacks must be put in the fruit/snack basket at the start of the day.

Monday/Thursday mornings: We hope to see as many of you as possible coming in to work with your child until 8.55 am on these mornings.

As always Badger classroom door is always open. Mrs Chamberlain and I will always try to answer questions and support with anything.