

Badger Class

Parent/Carers Meeting Monday 16th September 2019

First of all, Mrs Stone, Miss Myhill and Mrs Edwards (our new SCITT student) and I would like to thank you to those that attended the meeting on Monday. It was nice to catch up with familiar faces and to meet some new ones! We talked about a variety of topics including:

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. We encourage children to learn their spelling each week as this will support their work in class. The children will be tested on their spellings once a week at school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This gives each child at least five days to practice their spellings using Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check at home.

Spelling and Grammar: this is taught as a discrete lesson and is part of the Year 6 SATs test.

Calculations for maths: maths teaching has changed 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 has created a calculations policy. This will be shared with parents and carers when staff and governors have agreed it. In the meantime, please just pop in to see Miss Waring who can explain any concepts.

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.

Homework:

Additional Maths homework will be sent home every two weeks and will be set according to a child's Year group and abilities.

Sentence Books: Sentence homework will be linked to our curriculum (this might include links to our Topic, to our English or Science) to further engage the children.

Curriculum: the topic for the half term is '3-D Rules Ok!' and the topic flyer will show the timetable and expectations for learning across this half term.

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

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, French and PHSE (including British Values).

P.E.: On a Thursday Rabbit class and Badger class will be doing P.E. together. This term we 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 micropore tape.

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.

Year 7 Transition:

This is completed in close conjunction with Hobart High school and the head of Year 7. Although SAT's results are important they are not used solely to group children when they enter Year 7.

As always Badger classroom door is always open. Mrs Stone, Miss Myhill, Mrs Edwards and myself will always try to answer questions and support with any queries or concerns you might have.