

Badger Class

The Year Ahead: 11th September 2020

The entire Badger Class Team would like to begin by saying what a pleasure it is to have your child in our Class and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of wonderful experiences for your child.

After a difficult and unprecedented period in all our lives, it is a welcome relief to return to some sense of normality. Much has changed over the ***lockdown Era*** and you and your child/ren will notice many changes in and around school. These changes are designed to keep everyone safe while still providing an excellent learning environment for them to flourish in.

As always we appreciate your support and listed below are some ways you could help your child and details of some of the changes this academic year. Encourage your child to share with you what they have done during the day.

Lining up: There will now be two lines in the morning: one for Y4/5 and one for Y6. The lines will be in the usual place, parallel to one another.

Writing: Our writing will be more focused around that terms topic and will also be influenced by a variety of different stories, tales and poems. This will allow children to experience various styles of writing, write for different purposes and explore vocabulary and language. Which regard to foundation subjects, they will also be more writing focused. This will allow your child to demonstrate their learning across a variety of lessons.

Spellings: Your child will have a ***Spelling Book*** in which they complete their spellings on a weekly basis. During the first two weeks we will revisit all the KS2 spellings in school. Thereafter, we will set spellings to be completed each week and your child will be tested on these.

Out & about: Encourage your child to read as much as possible. Whether it is the ingredients on the back of food packaging, the instructions to a new game or the words to their favourite song. It will all help in the long run. As well as this, point out analogue and digital clocks to test their understanding of time.

Homework: Reading, Spellings and one piece of writing and one piece of maths form the basis of Homework for Badger Class. Homework is designed to support the learning in school and as such will greatly benefit your child. If any homework has not been returned for 2 weeks, we will notify you either in person or by letter. Homework will start to be sent home from the second week of term – one piece of writing and one piece of maths.

Reading: In Badger Class, we love books. As well as reading for pleasure your child will read with an adult on a regular basis. During our Guided Reading lessons we will be looking to develop your child's understanding of inference, vocabulary, prediction and summarising. Furthermore, it would be great to hear how much reading your child is doing at home and which books they enjoy reading.

Times Tables: This year, we are placing a greater focus on times tables. We will be encouraging your child to test themselves on a twice weekly basis. Please feel free to test them at home as well. I'm sure they won't mind!

WOW Wall: We would love to hear about your child's achievements (swimming without armbands, reading a book unaided etc), please fill in a WOW moment sheet and hand to the teacher so it can be shared with the class before going on the wall.

Topic Flyers: These contain information about areas to be covered across the curriculum relating to the current topic. This enables you to talk to your child about what they are doing in class. Attached to the bottom of the topic flyer will be the class timetable for the half term. Topic flyers are emailed home at the beginning of each half term – NB the topic flyer sent home on Friday 11th Sept covers the whole autumn term.

Monday & Thursday mornings: Unfortunately until further notice these morning activities will not take place.

PE: We have PE on Thursday and Fridays. As we are unable to use changing facilities it is imperative that your child comes in their P.E kit on the aforementioned days. As part of the required curriculum we will be doing PE outside (even in the winter). Your child will need tracksuit bottoms (as part of their PE kit) and please be advised they may come home dirty. Ear-rings **should** be removed before your child comes to school, micro pore can be used to cover ear-ring but your child must be able to do this themselves, long hair must be tied back.

Water Bottles/Fruit/Snack: Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. All fruit/snacks must be kept in your child's pack lunch box. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom.

Please remember we are always happy to discuss your child with you. We can do this over the phone or via appointment.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support.