

# Badger Class

## Newsletter

### Term 1 2013-14



Welcome back! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer holiday. We have a very exciting school year ahead of us and will be studying many enjoyable new topics. The following information is intended to help you prepare and support your child in settling into their new class. Your continued support with their learning at home is most welcome, and with that in mind I have also outlined curriculum topics being covered this term along with other relevant information about our classroom work.

Natalie & Ginny

#### SUBJECTS OVERVIEW TERM 1



**Literacy: Non-Fiction** - Newspapers and Magazines

**Poetry** - Creating Images

**Numeracy:** Counting, Partitioning and Calculating, Securing Number Facts and Understanding Shape, Handling Data and Measures

**Humanities:** The Normans

**Art/DT:** Bayeux Tapestry

**Science:** Forces

**RE:** Islam - Ramadan

**Music:** Rhythmic Patterns

**ICT:** Developing Images

**PE:** Mini tag-rugby/Dance

#### Dates for your Diary

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Open Evening for parents to discuss Ofsted report

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Festival

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Parent Consultations

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

## P.E Kits

Outdoor: Mini Tag-Rugby (Team Theme) - Fridays

Indoor: Dance - Thursdays

Children will need to make sure that they have their P.E kits in school every week.

Long hair will need to be tied back for P.E sessions and ear-rings need to be removed or covered on P.E days.

PE lessons: School PE Kit

Jogging bottoms, Sweatshirts/Track suit tops (cold weather only)

Plimsolls/Trainers

*Please remember to label every item of your child's PE kit.*

## Trip

We are currently arranging a trip to Battle Abbey in Hastings within the first term in conjunction with our Normans topic. All details will be sent out to you as soon as arrangements are finalised.



## Home Learning Tasks

**Weekly Home Learning tasks: set on Monday for following Monday return**

**Numeracy:** Children will be given tasks to complete at home each week. The learning will be linked to work carried out in class.

**Literacy:** Spellings will be set weekly and tested every **Monday**. The children may also be asked to do some independent writing or research at home.

**Topic:** The children will be asked to carry out some research or complete learning relating to other topics that they are covering in school.

Should your child find their weekly spellings too easy or too difficult, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will be able to make an alternative arrangement.

**Times-tables:** These will also be tested frequently in class. Children in Year 4 should be able to recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables by heart. They should also start becoming familiar with their 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Practise at home as well as at school will ensure your child's success in this.

**Reading Records:** Children will be reading frequently in school and are expected to read at home at least four times a week. 15 minutes per evening with an adult is ideal. Children will be encouraged to record their reading in their reading record book.