



Badgers Class Newsletter Term 5

Hello and welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for our penultimate term together.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came in to see me during the Parent Consultation sessions last term - it was great to be able to speak to you and discuss how well your children have done so far this year and what needs to be a key focus in order to end the year with greater success.

The effort and enthusiasm from the class has really developed this year. Despite the year being very busy and challenging, the children have responded well and are eager to succeed. A huge area we're focusing on at the moment is persevering rather than quitting when things are tough. Any support from yourselves with this would of course be greatly appreciated and help echo the message that really needs to be grasped.

If you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, please do feel free to come and see me before or after school, or email me at daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk if that is easier.

Mr Warner (and Miss Jarman)

Key Dates

- Wednesday 18th April** - Class Trip to Hampton Court
- Tuesday 1st May** - Whole Class Photographs
- Thursday 3rd May** - Class Trip to Detling Showground (Living Lands Trip)
- Monday 7th May** - Bank Holiday
- Friday 11th May** - Class singing performance at Kent College
- Friday 25th May** - Last day of Term 5
- Monday 4th June** - Inset Day
- Tuesday 5th June** - Start of Term 6
- Friday 8th June** - Sponsored Bounce



Topics Overview

English - For the majority of this term we will be looking at Greek myths. The children will explore gods and significant figures within Greek mythology; this will enable the children to develop character profiles and lead to them developing their own mythical tale based on either their own character/god or one looked at during the term. Towards the latter part of the term and during humanities sessions, the children will look at Greek fact sheets/books and will have a go at planning, researching and creating their own.

Maths - This term the children will look at some of the topics within 'Measure' and 'Geometry'. They will start off looking at time - both telling the time and converting between 12hr and 24hr clock times. This will then lead onto converting between different units of measurement and applying this to calculating perimeter. Later in the term, the children will look at comparing and classifying shapes, finding angles and identifying lines of symmetry.

Science - This term's topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be learning about the classification system for animals and will be using keys to help them identify plants and animals.

R.E - Our topic for this term is looking at festivals and celebrations. During these sessions, the children will learn about why festivals are important to different religious communities and compare festivals from different religions.

P.E - This term we will be creating our own dance routine to a song on a specific theme. These lessons will take place on either a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon (depending on timetable changes). Mr Packer will continue to teach the class PE (this term the topic is cricket) on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for these sessions.

Computing - This term the children will be learning about wikis and how the children can work collaboratively as a group to contribute to these. The unit is entitled 'We are Co-Authors'.

Art/D.T - Seeing as such a large part of our curriculum is focusing on 'Ancient Greece', this term the children will be researching, designing and creating their own Greek vases.

History/Geography - This term we are learning all about life in ancient Greece. We will be focusing on democracy, theatre, literature and art during this period in history. Towards the end of the topic we are aiming to look at daily life and how it compares to modern day.

PSHCE - Our topic for this term is 'Going for Goals'. During these sessions the children will be encouraged to think about their personal strengths and setting themselves targets for both personal and educational development. There will also be further opportunities to discuss and share the interests they have both in and outside school.

French - This term the class will be learning vocabulary about food and ice creams. They will also continue to practise their numbers and greetings in French.

Music - We are lucky enough to have been asked to join with other local Methodist schools (Kent College, St. Peter's and Lorenden) to participate in a singing festival. We will be learning a range of songs to perform at the event later this term. More information will follow about this in a separate letter.

Home Learning

Thank you for your continued support with home learning tasks.

Spellings, reading and times tables should be regularly practised in order to help make greater progress.

Please continue to encourage the children to persevere, challenge themselves and complete tasks to the best of their ability. Even when feeling disheartened, uncertain or lacking self-belief, the children need to be patient with themselves, know how amazing they are and how brilliant they can be if they believe in themselves and realise their potential.

Resources Needed

Later this term we will be designing and making our own Greek vases. We will be using papier mache after making the main shape with card and a balloon.

For this task we need plenty of newspaper and thin card (e.g. a cereal box). Any contributions will of course be hugely appreciated and I thank you in advance for your help with this.

