



Badgers' Newsletter



Term 1

A letter from Miss Dannell

Welcome to a new school year, I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year and getting to know those of you I haven't yet met. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to find me before 8.40am or after school in the playground. Year 4 is an exciting year with lots of interesting topics and trips and Mrs Wiffen and I are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Miss Dannell

Outline of the Curriculum

English- In literacy we are exploring non-fiction texts: information texts and brochures based on animals and our topic of Spain. The children will learn the features of a non-fiction text and create their own information pages and brochures. We will also be learning about narrative poetry where children will explore a variety of poems and begin writing their own. In addition, children will learn homophones, apostrophes and conjunctions in line with the year 4 National Curriculum

Maths- Place Value: find 1000 more or less than a given number, count backwards through zero to include negative numbers, recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit, order and compare numbers beyond 1000, estimating, rounding, using column method for addition and subtraction. There is a huge emphasis on times tables in year 4. **By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know up to their 12X12 tables.** Times tables will be regularly tested to check for progression. Children are expected to practise their tables at home so any support would be much appreciated.

Geography- This term we doing a European country study on Spain. We will be learning about the geography of Spain as well as its culture and customs including: bull fighting- an old tradition or cruel sport? food, landmarks, famous cities and festivals.

Science- We will be exploring sound: how sounds are made, how they travel and what affects sound. This will be led by Mrs Berry who is covering Miss Dannell's PPA time.

RE- Judaism- Worship in the synagogue, features of the Synagogue, the Tallit, Tefillin and Kippah

Computing- We are HTML editors- learning about, editing and writing HTMLs

D&T- Pulleys, cams and levers- the children will learn how these mechanisms work then design and create a toy using cams.

Music- Mamma Mia- Children will listen and appraise ABBA songs and learn about the band. They will sing and perform the song 'Mamma Mia'

PE- PE is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays outdoor PE will be taught by Mr Packer and indoor PE will be on Wednesdays focusing on gym and large apparatus.

Homework and spellings will be set on a Thursday and to be returned on Tuesdays when the spelling test will take place. A new format for spellings is being set throughout the school where children are expected to write their spellings out when learning them. As children will now get the weekend to complete their homework, there will be **no homework club** available at school.

Dates for the Diary



23rd September- Fruit run

4th October- Individual photos

21st October- Last day of term

31st October- Inset day

1st November- Children back to school