

Y4 Badgers Newsletter

Term 2 2023



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had a good week off and are ready for another term of hard work; it will be a busy one, especially in the run up to Christmas. I will continue to teach the children all week except for Wednesday afternoons when the children will be taught by Miss Raval for RE and music, and Tuesday morning when they will have Mrs Berry for numeracy and history. Our full-time class TA is Miss Raval and Mrs Brown will join us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. They will provide a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

Diary dates

17th November - Children in Need

6th & 7th December - KS1 nativity to parents 2pm

Friday 8th December - Christmas fair

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas activity day, Christmas jumper day and children's Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December - school disco

Friday 16th December - last day of term

Independent learning

As a school we continue to focus on independent learning, developing skills in the children to equip them ready for when they move on eventually to secondary school.

In Year 4 this term we are encouraging the children to:

- *remember to take their reading book home without being reminded
- *go to the toilet at break and lunch time so as not to interrupt learning time
- *learn to tie their own shoelaces

We would appreciate your support with this, particularly the last target.

Year 4 Curriculum content

Literacy

We will begin the term by focusing on instructional texts and will then look at poetry in a range of styles and forms, including Haiku, Kennings, cinquain and acrostic. We will then write our poetry, some individually and some in groups. We will also complete a unit of work looking at non-chronological reports, creating our own Flanimal characters and then researching and writing about endangered British animals. Finally, we will produce information books on Victorian Christmas traditions. We will continue with regular spelling and handwriting practice, as well as grammar work (SPAG).

Numeracy

Topics this term will include Roman numerals; formal written methods of multiplication; 2D shape work on quadrilaterals and triangles; symmetry and co-ordinates. Mrs Berry will focus on fraction and decimal work. We will also complete investigative and problem-solving activities, arithmetic sessions and times tables practice. Please remember that the expectation by the end of Year 4 is that children know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

We will continue focusing on a different area of science each week with either a biology, chemistry or physics focus. Our lessons in Term 2 will focus on: comparing and grouping rocks, different types of soils; solids liquids and gases; sound; electricity; food groups and nutrition.

Computing

In computing will focus on repeating pattern using a number of programs including '2 paint a picture' on Purple Mash and Scratch where we will write code to move a sprite and make it dance. We will also continue to use Google Classroom when appropriate to access tasks in class.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Thursday** mornings and **Friday** afternoons. We will choreograph and perfect our 'Wake and Shake' routine and focus on handball and basketball in our other session. As normal, kit consists of a plain red T-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers and black plimsolls for indoor sessions. As the weather begins to get colder the children are also allowed to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Please mark every item with your child's name. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for lessons or covered with micropore.

RE

In RE we will be continue to look at life as a journey, but consider specifically the journey of life as a Hindu in Britain today. We will also be learning about the four aims of the Hindu life cycle and comparing these with our own goals in life.

History

We will continue with our topic on the Victorians that the children seem to have really enjoyed so far. We will learn more about the jobs Victorian children had and then find out about inventions, famous Victorians and living conditions of the time. We will finish the term investigating Victorian Christmas traditions. Please encourage your son or daughter to further their knowledge on the Victorians by completing any additional research or activities at home, which can then be shared at school.

Art

In art we will be focusing on the Victorian artist William Morris, looking at the pattern and style of his work, then learning new techniques for printing using his work as a stimulus. We will of course complete plenty of Christmas themed work later on in the term.

Design and Technology

We will complete a unit of work on 'Bridges' looking at how to make structures strong, and then working in teams the children will design and make a bridge to support a weight over a certain span.

Music

In music the children will continue to learn to play the recorder.

PSCHE

We will focus on how to treat others with respect and how to respond to aggressive and inappropriate behaviour. We will also talk about when it is okay to keep a secret and when it is not.

French

Our unit L'Argent de Poche (pocket money) focuses on the Euro, likes and dislikes and phrases for buying items in a shop. We will also revisit vocabulary for numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year etc.

Homework

Spellings will continue to be set every Thursday, to be tested the following Tuesday. Please remember that these can be found in their Home School Record books. Children will be expected to practise their weekly spellings in whichever way they find most effective or they can be provided with a grid if preferred. Homework will continue to be set on Maths Shed each week: this term will focus on recall of times tables. Your son or daughter has their log in stuck inside their Home School Record book.

Reading

Please encourage daily reading of 15-20 minutes, which should be recorded in their Home School Record book. The children are free to read their scheme reading book or a book from the class or school library.

If you have any questions or queries please have a chat with me before or after school on the playground or I can also be contacted via email: Debbie.Creigh@bad.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Munro, Miss Raval and Mrs Brown