

Y4 Badgers Newsletter

Term 2 2024



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. Mrs Fulton will continue to teach every Monday and I will continue to teach the children Tuesday - Friday each week. Miss Raval will teach RE, arithmetic, history and music on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Our full-time class TA is Miss Raval and Mrs Brown will join us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. They will provide a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

Diary dates

Monday 11th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Friday 6th December - Christmas fair

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas activity day, Christmas jumper day and children's Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December - last day of term

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 formal written methods of multiplication; multiplying 3 numbers together; recognise and show equivalent fractions; decimal equivalents for fractions; add and subtract fractions with the same denominator; 2D shape work on quadrilaterals and triangles. Mrs Fulton will continue to focus on investigative and problem-solving activities. We will also complete 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; light; 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

Both PE lessons will take place on **Monday** each week. 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 and trainers. 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 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, Mrs Fulton, Miss Raval and Mrs Brown