

Y4 Badgers Newsletter

Term 3 2020



Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas holidays; thank you very much for the lovely cards and gifts we received. I return to school this term as Mrs Munro having got married over the Christmas holidays! I will continue to teach the children all week except for Thursday afternoons when the children will be taught by Mrs Berry for Science, and Friday morning when they will have Mrs Berry for geography and Mr Packer for PE. Mrs Goode will continue providing a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

Diary dates

Monday 13th January - 'Bring your manners to school day'

Friday 17th January - Rocksteady concert (p.m)

Monday 3rd February - interim reports to parents

Friday 14th February - last day of Term 3

Year 4 Curriculum content

Literacy

We will start the term by using the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as the stimulus for our reading and writing. The children will complete tasks including producing a newspaper report, poetry linked to the book, menu writing and an adventure themed narrative. We will continue with regular spelling and handwriting practice, as well as grammar and punctuation work each week. Please continue to practise weekly spellings that are sent home, as well as unknown words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list.

Numeracy

Topics this term will include: conversion between units of measure; dividing one and two digit numbers by 10 and 100; counting backwards to include negative numbers; angles; revision of formal written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will also complete investigative and problem solving activities, arithmetic sessions and times tables practice.

Science

Mrs Berry will teach science this term and the topic will be 'Animals including humans'; work will focus on types and functions of teeth, the digestive system and food chains.

Computing

In computing we will have two focuses: each week one half of the class will work on practising their touch typing skills whilst the other half will use the Lego Wedo kits to build models which will then be connected via Bluetooth to the ipads and programmed to do a variety of functions such as move, light up, spin etc.

Geography

This term we will focus on map and atlas skills. We will begin by finding and naming countries and continents of the world. We will then look at countries and their capital cities in Europe, and lastly focus on the countries in the UK and their physical features. Please encourage your son or daughter to further their knowledge on the topic by completing any additional activities at home, which can then be shared at school.

RE

Our third unit of work this year focuses on Jesus as an inspiration to others: who we think of as inspirational and how Jesus continues to be an inspiration to Christians.

Music

This term I will be teaching the children to play a tuned percussion instrument: the glockenspiel. We will initially familiarise ourselves with the instrument and will then learn some simple tunes such as 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', 'Frere Jacques' and 'Oh when the saints'.

PSHE

We will complete a unit called 'How do we change and grow' focusing on: what makes a balanced lifestyle; making choices in relation to health; hygiene routines; how our bodies begin to change as we grow up and puberty. Further details about the latter will be sent out separately for you to review.

French

In our unit 'Quel temps fait-il?' (what's the weather like?) the children will practise phrases to describe the weather and temperature and learn to describe the clothes they would wear for different weather conditions. We will continue to revisit simple conversation work, numbers, days of the week and months of the year.

PE

Lessons will take place on Monday and Friday each week. For indoor sessions the children will begin to learn their Key Steps gym routines for our in-house school competition. In outdoor PE they will take part in handball sessions. Kit consists of a plain red T-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers and black plimsolls for indoor sessions. As the weather continues to be cold 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.

Homework

Homework and spellings will continue to be set every Thursday, to be handed in or tested on the following Tuesday. 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. They will also have a times tables sheet to complete each week which they will choose dependent on the areas needed to be improved. Please remember that the expectation is that Year 4 children know all the times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.

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.

Stationery

Please remember the children are provided with all the stationery items that they need by the school such as pencils, rubbers, rulers, scissors etc. Children are welcome to bring in their own felt tips, gel pens etc. but these must be kept in a **small** pencil case which will fit in their drawer.

If you have any questions or queries please pop in or I can also be contacted via email:

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Kind regards,

Mrs Munro & Mrs Goode