

Class Badgers Newsletter

– autumn 1, 2026

***Full PE kits need to be kept in school until half-term when they are taken home for a wash!**
***Homework will focus on learning facts from the Science and History 'knowledge organisers' for a weekly quiz.**
Children should also practise their multiplication tables using the Times Tables Rockstars app. Year 4s, who have their online multiplication check in June, should aim to practise for ten minutes each night if possible.

English

Class Badgers will use the 'Reading Explorers' scheme to improve their reading fluency and comprehension. At the beginning of term, they will focus on improving their literal understanding of texts before moving onto more complex comprehension strategies, such as deduction. As part of our Romans topic this term, we will be using a wide range of non-fiction texts to research information about the Roman Empire. The children will present their findings to the class and write a non-chronological report using the information. Class Badgers will move onto studying a narrative text later in the term, focusing their writing on the short story, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. They will learn to describe character and setting while including direct speech. All of the necessary aspects of grammar will be taught through the Active English daily lesson starter.

Mathematics

Class Badgers will begin the year by learning about place value, so that they have a solid foundation upon which to build their calculation knowledge. They will count backwards and forwards in different steps and compare, order and estimate numbers. They will then learn how to use formal written methods of addition and subtraction. Reasoning and problem-solving will be embedded into this learning so that the children have the opportunity to apply their knowledge. Throughout the term, Class Badgers will practise their multiplication tables through a range of fun activities and games. They will receive online Maths homework through TT Rockstars, Mathletics and Prodigy Maths.

Science

The children will be starting their *Animals Including Humans* unit this term. They will begin by gaining an understanding of nutrition, sorting foods into groups and exploring nutritional values on food labels. Class Badgers will then study skeletons of humans and other animals, drawing comparisons and discussing patterns. By the end of term, the children will be able to explain how bones and muscles work together to create movement, before carrying out an investigation linked to this.

RE

Class Badgers will consider various forms of celebration across different religions. They will consider the following questions: *Why do we celebrate? What different events/times of life do we celebrate? How do different people celebrate things differently? How does celebration relate to remembrance?*

Welcome back Badgers!

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays; we are looking forward to hearing what you have been doing for the last few weeks. We have a busy half term ahead in Class Badgers with lots of fun and learning to fit in. This newsletter tells you a little bit more about it.

Mr B. Smith (Class Teacher)

Mrs K. Cook (Class Teaching Assistant)

PE

P.E. lessons will be on Wednesday with JB Sports. The children will learn invasion skills linked to football this term. They will therefore need their outdoor PE kits.

French

Mrs Hall will be teaching French this term. Areas covered include: French greetings, introductions, asking simple questions, counting and telling someone your age.

Home learning

Times Tables Rockstars and *Mathletics* will still be set each week. It is particularly important that you help your child to learn their times tables. Year 4 children are now expected to know all of their tables for a national multiplication tables check in June. Please help to encourage your child to complete their homework **independently** where possible and **provide support if needed**. Also, please make time to **listen to your child read regularly and discuss what they have read** (hearing your child read is the most important thing you can do for their learning).

History

Our topic this term is *The Romans*. The children will learn to explain the spread of the Roman Empire and recall key facts about the Roman invasion of Britain. They will find out about Roman roads, Boudicca's rebellion, Hadrian's wall, Roman religion and Roman baths.

Forest School

Class Badgers will be doing some of their learning this term in Forest School with Mr A. Smith. They will take part in team building exercises such as den building and fire lighting. They will learn to use tools while considering factors such as risk management and effective communication.

PSHE

We will be starting the *Jigsaw* PSHE Unit, *Being me in my world* this term. The lessons included are: Getting to know each other, Our Nightmare School; Our Dream School; Rewards and Consequences; Our Learning Charter; Owning our Learning Charter.