

Badgers

Looking Ahead to Next Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term in Badgers class. It is great to be back and we hope you had a great summer break spending time with your families. I hope you are excited for the busy but brilliant year we have ahead of us!

We are fortunate to have several additional adults supporting the class this term:

- Miss Herrington – Supporting the class whilst she works towards her PGCE teaching qualification.
- Mrs Bottle – Teaching French on a Tuesday afternoon.
- PBED – Teaching PE on a Tuesday afternoon.

PE lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons so please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for these days. It is advisable to have PE kit in school at all times so that we can be flexible when we need to. Also, a reminder that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn, especially in PE.

Our main topic this half term will be Coasts and Erosion. During this geography topic, we will be considering what happens where the land meets the sea. This will include us looking at changes to the coastline, establishing the key topographical features of the UK and how these geographical aspects have changed over time. We will also explore how we can protect the land coasts. Please see Badgers' Autumn 1 Topic Web for further information on other areas of the curriculum.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and due in the following Friday. This allows families to choose whether it is completed during the school week or over the weekend. Every week, there will be an English task (a reading comprehension and grammar activity from their CGP books) and a Maths task (a workout from their CGP books). As well as this, children are expected to log on to TTRS each week to practise their times tables. There will also continue to be weekly spelling tests to promote practising their spellings at home to improve the accuracy of spelling across the school.

Please encourage your children to read regularly and widely (for pleasure!) throughout the year - both independently and aloud. Please record this in their homework diaries along with other completed homework tasks. This will be an area we will be promoting in class this year and we will be rewarding children weekly who have read a minimum of 5 times. Whilst the likes of Tom Gates are great to read, please encourage your children (as we will do) to read a variety of books from a range of genres. We are lucky to have a well-stocked library with a huge selection of books so there are lots on offer and teachers are always on hand to help children with selecting a book should they need it.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you or we need to know.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gittos and the Badgers Team