

Meet the Teacher – Information for Parents of Badgers Class

Who will be teaching my child?

- Teacher: Becci Parker and Katie Stevens (Mondays)
- Teaching Assistant: Amy Beaumont
- PPA Cover: Lou Ashcroft (French) and Toby (PE)

What does my child need in school?

Stationery: To ensure all children have the right equipment in school and to support parents with costs, we are providing children with all the stationery they need in school. You do not need to provide your child with any stationery.

Wellies and Coats: All children require both wellies and waterproof coats in school. We will be going out to play whatever the weather and using the field all year round. We do have some secondhand wellies and coats available by asking the office.

When does my child have PE and what do they need?

PE days for Badgers class are on Mondays and Wednesdays

The children wear PE kits to school on PE days.

- House coloured T-shirt (this does NOT need to have a school logo)
- Black leggings/ shorts/ tracksuit trousers (grey or navy will also be fine!)
- School jumper/ cardigan
- For cold weather, including non-PE days, children can wear a plain, dark coloured fleece
- Kit will be provided for inter-school tournaments
- Teachers will also be wearing smart PE kit
- Branded T-shirts can be purchased from myclothing.com if desired

What will my child be learning about this term?

The main topics being covered this term are:

Maths: Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, area

English: Writing to entertain and writing to inform. We will be using the key texts *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx* and *The Borrowers*

Science: Electricity (simple circuits, switches, conductors and insulators) and Sound (how sounds are made and travel)

History: Ancient Egyptians (How did religion affect life in Ancient Egypt?)

Geography: Egypt (Why do some people in the world live in megacities?)

RE: Christianity (the Gospel) and Hinduism (Rhama and Sita)

French: The seasons and Vegetables

Art and DT: Storytelling through drawing, creating with electrical systems

Computing: The Internet and Audio Production

Further information is available on this term's curriculum overview sheet which is on the school website.

What does the class timetable look like?

There is a lot to fit in during a week!

The school day starts at 8.50am and children should be in the classroom by this time so we can get going quickly.

There is play time from 10.20 to 10.35 and lunchtime from 12.00 to 1.00pm.

The school days end at 3.20 for all children except Reception who finish at 3.15pm. Older siblings of children in year 1 and 2 can be released from the same exit. Please let us know so we can send them to wait in the library.

An example class timetable is attached – please be aware that this can change on a weekly basis depending on what is going on and it is only a guide.

How can I support my child at home?

Reading – We encourage you to enjoy books with your child as often as possible. Our aim is to develop a love of reading and books. Children will bring reading books home.

In Key stage 2 we use Accelerated Reader to support children in reading books at a stage which will maximise their reading progress. This is called their ZPD (zone of proximal development). This will be a range, and we ask children to choose books within their range. The ZPD is shown on the spine of the book. After completing a book your child will take short quiz which will record how well they have understood what they have read. Our aim is for children to get 100% on the quiz as often as possible.

Other Homework.

Spelling - Children will have weekly spellings which they will be taught on a Monday. These can be practised on Spelling Shed or on paper if children prefer.

Children should practise their times tables regularly. This can be on TT Rockstars, or through games, quizzing, or chanting. Little and often works best!

What Trips and Events are planned for this term?

We have drawn up a schedule for trips and events this year and this will be sent out to you.

This term we will be having a special visit from Haslemere Museum, who will teach us how mummification works!

When will Badgers class have forest school?

Forest school for Badgers class will be: 9th December, 16th December, 6th January, 13th January, 20th January
27th January

How can I help?

- We rely on the goodwill of our wonderful volunteers to ensure activities such as school trips, forest school and swimming can go ahead. We also welcome volunteers to support with listening to readers.
- Have a hobby, interest or talent that you think children would enjoy? Would you like to run an after-school club?
- Thank you for all your support. Please get in touch if you want to volunteer. We will need to complete a safeguarding check (DBS) for anyone volunteering in school.