

## Badger Class – Autumn Term



### Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome back the children back into school and we are amazed at how quickly they have settled into a new class and routines. They have returned enthusiastically and ready for a busy and very important year.

#### PE Days

Our PE days will continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays and we ask that children come into school wearing their PE Kit on these days. This term, our indoor session will be on a Monday and our outdoor session is on a Wednesday.

#### Home/ School communication books

Similarly to last year, children have been issued with a home/school communication log book. These log books act as a communication tool between home and school. If you have any questions or messages for me or any of the other adults working in class, then please feel free to write them in the designated section within the book. Equally, staff may use the book to write a message for your attention.

As part of the homework, children should read at home for at least 15 minutes every day. Please sign the diary to show your child has read. Spellings will also be added to the diary and these should be practised each day as part of their home learning.

#### Home learning:

You should have received a letter about home-learning. We will now be setting home learning on Google Classroom. Some of the children will be familiar with this site now as we used it during lock-down.

Setting it on the internet will help reduce paper but more importantly, if we ever have to close school again, there should be a smooth, seamless transition for the children to start accessing their work.

Each week, there will be compulsory, 'must do' homework that all children are expected to complete and some additional 'should' and 'could' activities that we will encourage the children to do to go the extra mile.

The letter regarding home learning should explain how the children can access their homework. We will also be showing the children in class how to do it as well. If there are any problems, please let us know. Equally, if you can't access the internet at home and require a hard copy, please let us know so we can ensure your child receives their homework.

**English:** This half term, children will be studying a book called 'African Tales'. The traditional tales, aimed at Y3/4 children links to our Ancient Egyptian topic.

The book is a true celebration of the storytelling tradition that is inherent across the diverse cultures and communities of this vast continent. The vibrancy and delicate detail of the artwork is inspired by the art of the different regions. .

**Maths:** Whilst we cover lots in Maths. Our main focus this term will be concentrating on place value and the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Currently, children are taught in mixed ability groups as we are avoiding different class pods mixing.

**Topic:** As mentioned, our topic for this term Ancient Egypt. The key questions that we hope children will be able answer by the end of the topic are:

- Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
- Where is Egypt?
- What was life like in Ancient Egypt?
- What period of history are they from

**Science:** Our Science this term is Living Things and Their Habitats.

Best Wishes - Miss Mullings, Miss Gaught, Mrs Tingey, Mr Bishop, Mrs Smith, Mrs Thompson, Miss Bellingham and Mrs Constable.