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Badger Class Newsletter

(Term 4: 24th February-Friday 4th April)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a happy break however you spent it.

Thank you for your support last term in reminding the children to do their Doodle Maths assignment each week and trying to keep in the green zone. We are finding that this is really contributing to the children's mathematical ability and confidence. Thanks also for regularly reading with your child and questioning them on their understanding. Again, this positively impacts on both their reading and writing progress.

During the start of this term the children will be taking the **Spring NFER standardised assessments** in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar. We will have the opportunity to discuss how they got on with these, alongside their daily progress in class, during the **parents evenings on 24th and 27th March**. I look forward to seeing you in person then. Some of the children's books will also be available for you to enjoy too.

It is **World Book Day on 6th March** and we will be celebrating it by dressing up as a book character.

A request (already): Mrs Beale has asked if the children could bring in an **empty cereal box on Friday** to support them in their 3D Art.

Below is a summary of what we will be doing in Term 4. Please take the opportunity to share this with your child.

Dear Badgers,

You are all working so very hard; I hope you are all proud of the progress that you are making. Here is what I have planned for this term:

English:

We will be reading a book called, **The Boy at the Back of The Class** by Onjali Q. Rauf.

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This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old girl and her three classmates are full of kindness for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).

Through their sensitivity, curiosity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world.

Our **Write Stuff** lessons will be focusing on writing **Explanations**. You'll be pleased to know that we will be using all of our Science knowledge about Rocks and Soil to help us. This non-fiction unit is based on a book that I know you will all love: ***The Street Beneath My Feet by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer***

Maths:

Our focus this term is on **Fractions**. Following this, we will be concentrating on measuring **Mass and Capacity**. We'll also be carrying on with the Xtable booklets.

Science:

Our topic is **Light and Shadows**; exploring the link between light and darkness, observing reflections and investigating different factors that affect shadows.

Geography:

We will be studying **Europe** and locating the countries that make up this continent. We will focus on both physical geography (rivers, seas, mountains) and human geography (key buildings and landmarks, flags).

Art:

You will enjoy exploring **3D Art and Sculpture** with Mrs Beale on Friday afternoons.

Music:

We will be listening to, appraising and learning **The Dragon Song** by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman; a song about kindness, respect, friendship, acceptance and happiness.

RE:

We will continue to learn about **Judaism**.

Jigsaw:

This Term we will be focusing on **Healthy Me**. As the title suggests, we will be looking at how we achieve being healthy by eating a balanced diet and staying active.

PE:

Our lessons continue to be on Thursdays with me and Fridays with Mrs Beale. On Thursdays we will be doing **Outdoor Adventurous Activities** (OAA) and on Fridays Mrs Beale will be teaching **Gymnastics**.

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French:

Our focus this term is on **Family and Friends**, including our pets. We will also be learning the French alphabet.

Badger Class Routines

➤ As usual, on **Friday afternoons** I will be out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Beale will be taking you for Art and PE.

➤ **Reading:** each week I will hear you read in a group and check your reading records in order that I can praise and reward your home reading. Don't forget that you can change your reading book at any time during the school week. When you have finished your book you can take a quiz at home or school. [Link for quizzing at home](#)

➤ **Spelling homework** will be given out on **Mondays** and must be returned on the following **Monday**. The most effective way of learning spellings (both individual words and general patterns and rules) is to rehearse/practise them each day for a few minutes. The activities are given to reinforce and embed the spellings once you have hopefully learnt them.

➤ **Doodle Maths and Tables:** On Thursdays, I will be checking that you have completed your assignment each week and trying to keep in the green. As a reward for your hard work, you will be given 20 minutes on DoJo Island each Friday so we can all change our monsters (if we want to), explore the Island and have fun together. As you know, everyone in school is impressed with our Class for setting a new school record for keeping in the green zone. Keep this up; using Doodle Maths at home will improve your Maths confidence and understanding.

➤ **PE** days are **Thursday and Friday** so continue to come in your PE kits on these days.

Finally, **congratulations**, Badger Class for ensuring that our class is a kind and fun place to be, both when we are working and playing. I am very proud to be your teacher. Let's have an enjoyable and successful Term 4!

Best wishes,

Ms Tunstall.

[Link to school website with parent calendar at bottom of page](#)

[Link for quizzing at home](#)

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