22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and had an amazing time with family and friends. The children have settled brilliantly to life in Badgers Class and have come back to school positive and ready to learn. We have had a great first week together; we have shared our holiday moments with the class as well as did some independent writing about it. Our class book is: “Fantastic Mr Fox” and most of our writing and guided reading will be based on this. Our Maths is based on place value and number work.

Our first two weeks was based on whole school enquiry on “What makes a good Friend. In this enquiry we looked at friendship books, rules for class, rights and responsibilities, school values We have also been Artists and created friendship flowers as well as worked out the ingredients to make a good friend. At the end of the topic, we have been Authors, and our challenge was to write a recipe on how to make friendship cookies. After this, our new curriculum, Curious-city topic is ‘What is sounds” which year 3 and 4 will be doing. We will be Scientists, Musicians, and Engineers whilst learning all about what is sound, how are they made, how are sounds detected, learn the vocabulary such as pitch, vibration, volume and how they change etc. This will be explored by making simple musical instruments as well as playing with the instruments in music lessons. At the end of the topic, our challenge is to deliver our learning to the rest of the school. Please can you collect any empty tissue boxes or tubes like pringles so we could make our own musical instruments. Year 2’s will be joining year 1’s and their topic is Healthy Me.

Badgers Staff

This year Badgers Class will be supported by Mrs Dike, Mrs Andrews (Mon, Wed, Thurs), Mrs Coling (Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri) and Mrs Bartlett (everyday).  Mrs Dike will be teaching the class on Fridays whilst I have my planning and ECT time.

P.E

This half term our P.E session will take place on a **Monday** and **Friday**. We are very fortunate to be having sports coaches come into school again to teach us Fundamental skills. Please make sure that your child has suitable school P.E kit, hair is also tied back, and earrings are either removed or, if they cannot be removed, covered with tape.

Reading

Please can children continue to bring their individual reading books into school daily. Reading is highly valued as we know that it underpins a child's education and inspires children's vocabulary and imagination helping them to be more resilient, independent and creative learners.  Reading is a skill required in all areas of life; therefore, children must be supported to develop such an important skill. Please, listen to your child read as often as you can, encouraging them to experience a broad range of stories / texts, such as information books, poetry, newspapers, magazines and online information.  The banded reading book is also issued, and children are also encouraged to have a reading book of their choice in school.

Home learning

The children will be given their home learning on a Monday, and it will need to be returned the following Monday. Their homework will consist of spellings to learn and either a Maths or English activity. Our spelling test will be on a Monday morning. Children are also encouraged to regularly use Times Table Rockstars to help them learn their times tables and related division facts. This will help them in all areas of their Maths – Year 2’s is expected to know their 2, 5, and 10’s by the end of this year whereas year 3’s should remember their times tables from year 2 and learn 3,4 and 8’s.

Any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Reddy

Mrs Reddy and all the Badgers Class Team.