

Spring 2 2019: Badger class



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term. My name is Ms Georgiou and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new class teacher in Badger Class. This term in Year 1 and Year 2 I will teach the children every day, with a focus on Handwriting, English and Maths every morning and the Foundation subjects in the afternoons. I will continue to be joined every morning by Mrs Rachael Smith.

**Curriculum:**

We have some very messy experiences planned-for our new theme Muck, Mess and Mixtures starting with our launch pad on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 1:30-3:00pm**. You are invited to come and take part in helping the children explore a variety of mixtures in our indoor/ outdoor sensory trail using their hands and feet. Please could your child bring a towel to school that day.

For continuity, each morning will start with handwriting (cursive), followed by a short GoNoodle activity to energise the mind and body. We will then focus on the core subjects of English and maths, supported by a cross curricular carousel of enrichment challenges. Please see the curriculum map for further details.

**Seesaw:**

You will be invited to download the Seesaw Parent App so that you can take part in following your child's learning journey. Seesaw will be used to record class learning in our lessons. Your child will be sent home with a QR code for you to scan in the forthcoming weeks.

**Forest School:**

We will continue to visit the forest every other week, on a Friday morning 0845-1030. Forest school dates for this half term will be 8<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April. Your child may come to school in their Forest School kit: long trousers or joggers, waterproof trousers, long sleeved T shirt, warm hat, coat and sturdy boots.

**PE and Swimming:**

Please could your child have a named PE kit of T-shirt, shorts and trainers/pumps that is brought to school on Monday and collected from school on a Friday. I would also recommend you pop in a spare pair of socks and pants. PE will be every Thursday afternoon. Swimming sessions will take place every Wednesday morning. We ask that children wear swimsuits or trunks (not baggy) and for children with longer hair, a swimming cap.

**Library:**

Please come along to the Library café on a Tuesday after school. Here the children can look at books, listen to stories and choose a new library book. School book bags may be purchased at the office.

**Reading and Phonics:**

Letters and Sounds is taught 4 times per week; Year 1 will continue through Phase 5 developing their understanding of alternative phonemes and graphemes, while Year 2 will continue Phase 6 with the focus on spelling rules and suffixes/prefixes. We will endeavour to change reading books as needed- please read with your child **every night** and make a note in the reading record to let us know that you have read. If you would like to keep a book for longer please indicate so in your child's reading record.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please catch me at the gate or arrange an appointment via the office.

Kind regards

Jessica Georgiou