

Badger Class information:

P.E.

Our P.E afternoon will be Friday this term. Weather permitting we will have our P.E. lessons outside, so please can children have their full P.E kits in school.

Homework

Homework books will be sent home on a Friday. Most homework will now be optional. We just ask that you read and do MyMaths and TimesTables Rockstars as much as possible at home.

Creative homework will not be compulsory this year.

Reading Diaries:

We recommend that children read at home at least 4 times a week. We are continuing our reading challenge this year and children who read at least 4 times a week are in with a chance of winning a prize each term. Reading diaries will be checked daily.

Please let Mrs Wilkins/Ms Gale know if you are available to come into school and hear readers at any point in the week.

End of the day

Badger class ends at 3:15. This is 5 minutes later than Hedgehog and Squirrel Class.

Our school website address is:

www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk and our class blog is at <http://barcombebadgers.wordpress.com> where you will find information about the class, home learning, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

Dates for your diary:

- Curriculum meeting: Tuesday 17th September, 9-9:20 am.
- Harvest Festival at St. Mary's: Friday 11th October, 9am.
- Parents' evenings: Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October
- INSET day: Friday 25th October
- Half term: Monday 28th October: Friday 1st November
- Key Stage 1 Nativity: Wednesday 11th December, 9am
- Class assembly: Thursday 30th January, 9am

Welcome to Badger Class

Curriculum Information

Term 1 and 2

Teachers: Mrs Wilkins & Ms Gale
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Tomsett

ENGLISH

Our English will link closely with our topics as we begin the year by reading a book about a robot with a broken heart. The children will use the book as a stimulus for descriptive writing. We will then move on to looking at the key features of non-fiction texts and the children will be creating their own non-fiction books about robots. The children will continue to have daily phonics and grammar sessions to support their reading and spelling.

MATHS

Our main focus at the beginning of term 1 will be place value and understanding number. The children will be representing numbers to 100/1000 using objects and pictorial representations. To ensure a deeper understanding of number, children will also be solving simple reasoning problems around place value. We will then progress to addition and subtraction. The children will be learning written methods of addition and subtraction and looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction.

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

During our 'Take One Heart' topic we will be looking at significant people with a 'big heart' both in the children's own life and through history. As it is Black History Month during October, the children will predominantly be studying Martin Luther King Jr as an important person in history. They will be thinking about their own dreams for the world with a focus on kindness and the environment.

Our Learning Journeys are: **Take One Heart**



and **Space Explorers**

SCIENCE

This term, we will be investigating animals (including humans) and what they need to survive. We will consider what nutrition means and how to keep fit and healthy. We will also be answering questions such as: What makes a balanced meal? What are the food groups? We will also be looking at skeletons and the human body.

Art and DT

Mrs Edwards will be taking the class for Art and DT during term 1. She will be exploring self-portraits and looking closely at facial features. The children will be using colour mixing techniques to create their own self-portraits.

FRENCH

In French, we will be learning all about ourselves. We will be starting off with classroom instructions learning to understand and follow them, then learning the names of the parts of the body, identifying colours and saying what we are wearing.

P.E.

In P.E, the children will focus on movement and coordination. We will explore a range of balances and ways we can travel, and will be creating our own sequences of different movements. We will also be focussing on competitive game.

MUSIC

Badgers will be playing the recorder on Monday afternoons. The children will also be learning some songs, styles of singing and taking part in musical games and exploring musical instruments with Ms Gale.

R.E.

In our R.E. sessions this term, we will be using the story of Jonah and the Whale to answer the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?' We will then be focussing on the Nativity story and preparing for our own Nativity performance!

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will be learning about how to keep safe online and why it is important to keep personal information private and secure. We will then move on to looking at basic coding programmes.