

Badger Class Curriculum Newsletter

Our Topic this half term is 'Come and join the Celebration'.

The children will be learning about a variety of different celebrations and festivals that are happening over the next couple of months, including Bonfire Night, Armistice centenary, Diwali, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

We will be exploring how different cultures celebrate Birthdays and we will be having our very own teddy bear birthday party where the children can bring their bears to school.

Let's Celebrate!

Communication and Language

We shall continue to develop the children's confidence to communicate. The children will be developing key skills such as listening and following instructions.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We shall have daily reflection time that relates to a particular theme. We encourage and promote positive behaviour and a caring and respectful ethos. The children are encouraged to become more independent within the classroom and help their class friends. The children will be working on sharing and taking turns.

Physical development

The children will work at developing their fine and gross motor skills on a daily basis. The children complete regular exercises from the Get Moving programme on a weekly basis. The exercises from the programme assist the children with their motor co-ordination i.e. body image, balance, laterality, spatial awareness, etc. The children will have one regular P.E session a week on a Tuesday with a P.E coach. The P.E sessions will involve the children practising riding a bike. In addition, the children will attend a dance and movement session on a Friday afternoon. Please note that the children will be encouraged to dress and undress independently for P.E sessions, so please practise at home.

Literacy

The children will listen to and join in with a range of stories relating to our topic. We will continue to develop the children's interest and enjoyment in books, stories, poems, rhymes and songs. Using a wide range of activities the children will be developing their fine motor and mark making skills. The children will have regular opportunities to practise their pencil control skills and the formation of letters.

We will continue to have our daily phonics session in an afternoon. The phonics session involves teaching children to read, write and recognise the sound that each letter makes. Please remember that Phonics is not the alphabet.

Maths

We will be focusing on the areas of Number, Shape Space and Measure and Using and Applying throughout our Maths lessons. The children will complete both practical and recorded activities that are individualised for their own mathematical development.



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Understanding the World

We will be looking at lots of different Celebrations and completing a variety of activities. The children will also develop their understanding of light and dark.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to develop their creative skills by expressing their ideas and feelings. The children will participate in art, music, dance and drama activities throughout this half term. The children will hopefully start to build up a repertoire of their favourite songs and dances and they will be given the opportunity to explore musical instruments.

Things to Note

- Please use your child's home school diary to communicate with the Badger Class Team. We will check them on a daily basis and respond accordingly.
- Please remember to put your child name on every item of uniform. If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning to you if a name is clearly printed on it.
- Please send your child's Forest clothes to school every Tuesday, thank you.

Home Learning

- Go on a listening walk! Can you recognise any of the sounds you hear?
- Spend some time reading and looking at stories with your child
- Practise getting dressed and undressed independently
- Sing and dance to favourite songs
- Look out for different colours and shapes when out and about.
- Practise using cutlery when eating food
- Count, count, count! Have fun counting toys, food or count when travelling up some stairs. Any counting that you can do with your child really helps.
- Have time to PLAY!
- Please share any of the work the children do at home , we really enjoy CELEBRATING all their achievements.



Badger Class Team:

Class Teacher: Mr Robinson



Teaching Assistants:



P. E: Tuesday
Forest School: Tuesday
Dance: Friday

