



## **Badgers' Class Newsletter**

### **Term 1 – Autumn**

**Class Teachers:** Mrs Fairley

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs Frederick

Welcome back to school and I hope you all had enjoyable summer holiday. We are very excited to welcome our new year 5s into Badgers and look forward to seeing our new year 6s stepping into their roles as pupil leaders of the school. This term looks set to be jam packed full of learning with our first school trip at the end of the month. As always, if you have any questions about anything we are learning or would like to discuss any aspect of schooling, please contact us via [badgers@john-mayne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:badgers@john-mayne.kent.sch.uk) or speak to us at pick up.

**This year we will have a two weekly timetable (lessons may change. History and Geography are also taught during some Literacy lessons):**

#### **Week 1**

**Monday:** Maths, Guided Reading, RE, PSHE, Music, French or Forest School

**Tuesday:** Spelling, Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Spelling

**Wednesday:** Spelling, Guided Reading, Literacy, Topic

**Thursday:** Spelling, Double Maths, Art

**Friday:** Guided Reading, Double Maths, PE

#### **Week 2**

**Monday:** Maths, Guided Reading, RE, PSHE, Music, French or Forest School

**Tuesday:** Spelling, Double Science, Computing

**Wednesday:** Spelling, Guided Reading, Literacy

**Thursday:** Spelling, Guided Reading, Literacy, Art

**Friday:** Guided Reading, Double Maths, PE

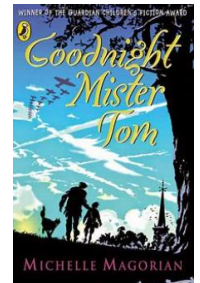
Grammar will be taught as part of the literacy lessons.

**PE:** PE is on a Friday. Please can children come to school on a Friday in their PE kit. Please ensure they have correct kit of black shorts, jogging bottoms or skort and a blue T-shirt. Children may wear a normal school jumper if needed. If children come to school wearing non uniform clothes, we will find spare kit for them to change into.

**Homework:** The homework grid for the term has already been sent home. Homework is an important part of learning, especially for those children who will be heading to secondary school next year, as it helps to teach them how to be independent with their studies. Weekly spellings will be sent home and there will then be a weekly spelling test on a Tuesday. Please make sure they have their spelling packs school each day. The children will be given a log in for Maths.co.uk and will be expected to complete a task on this each week. Please let me know if your child does not have access to the internet and I will arrange for them to be given paper homework.

**Maths:** This term, will focus on Number and Place value plus addition and subtraction. This will include: counting and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, numbers to 1 million (Yr5) and 10,000,000 (Yr6), negative numbers and inverse operations. The children will continue to practice their times tables knowledge and arithmetic skills weekly.

**English:** For guided reading and literacy our main text this term is Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian. This A stone-cold classic of children's literature, is a powerful story of deprived evacuee William Beech and his slow-burning friendship with the cantankerous Tom Oakley, written with incredible light and shade. In writing we will be focussing on descriptive narratives, the same event from different perspectives and speech writing based on Chamberlain's announcement of war.



**Science:** Our science focus this term is light.

**History/ Geography:** For topic we will be looking at the Second World War.

**Art and DT:** In art and DT we will be looking at Propaganda posters and making model Anderson Shelters.

**R.E:** In RE, we will continue to with our big question; God: What does it mean if God is loving a holy?

**P.E:** Our PE focus this term is invasion games.

### **Important Dates:**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Kent Test  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September- School photos  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Immunisation  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September – Bowls tournament for Yr5  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Badgers Class trip  
Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Carnival Themed menu for lunch  
Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service in church  
Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October – Assessment Week  
Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October – Open Classroom and PTA uniform shop  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October – Tea with Mrs T  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October- School disco and last day of term  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November – First Day Term 2