



Badgers' Class Newsletter

Term 2 – Autumn

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Welcome back to school and I hope you all had enjoyable and restful half term break: It's hard to believe that we are now in the run down to Christmas. The next term will see us continuing with our World War 2 topic, when we look at The Enigma Code and rationing. We are very excited to be welcoming parents to our Class Worship in the Church on Friday, November 22nd, which has the theme of positive mental health. You will also see the children in church for our annual carol service. 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 or speak to us at pick up.

Timetable

Week 1

Monday: Double Maths, Music, French or Forest School

Tuesday: Spelling, Maths, double science

Wednesday: Spelling, Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, RE

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

Friday: Handwriting, Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy PE

Week 2

Monday: Double Maths, Music, French or Forest School

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

Wednesday: Spelling, Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, PSHE

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

Friday: Handwriting, Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy PE

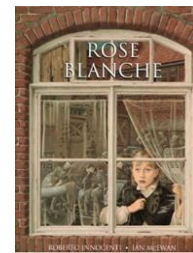
Grammar will be taught as part of the literacy lessons.

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 continue work on the four operations: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. They will also start a unit of work on fractions. The children will continue to practice their times tables knowledge and arithmetic skills weekly.

English: This term we will have two main text for literacy. First we will study *Rose Blanche* by Roberto Innocenti and Ian McEwan. This text tells the story of a young German girl during The Second World War. Using this text as a stimulus we will write diary entries. Our second book will be *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon* by Christopher Edge. This is a story about mystery about three children who get lost in the woods. As Charlie, Dizzy and Johnny make their way through the woods they find strange dangers and impossible puzzles lurking in the shadows. Whilst reading this book we will find out more about impossible puzzles for The Second World War when we research the Enigma Machine and learn more about Alan Turing who cracked its code.



Science: Our science topic this term is changes in material including observing chemical reactions and describing how we know new materials are made.

History/ Geography: Our topic for terms 2 and 3 is The Second World War. This term we will discover about food in WW2 and code breaking.

R.E: Our topic this term is Gospel and we will be addressing the big questions, What would Jesus do?

Important Dates:

Monday, 4th November Start of Term 2

Friday, 8th November Open morning for new prospective parents

Friday, 15th November Crazy hair day for pupils and Homewood Dance Dash

Friday, 22nd November Badgers Class Worship

Monday, 25th November Staff Development Day- no children in school

Friday, 6th December Christmas Tree Festival Launch

Friday, 13th December FOJM Big Wrap

Tuesday, 17th December Nativity in the church 9.30am

Wednesday, 18th December KS2 Carol Concert in the church 1.30pm

Thursday, 19th December School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, 19th December Christmas Craft with parents

Friday, 20th December End of Term 2