



Badgers' Class Newsletter

Term 5 – Summer

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Welcome to term 5. I hope you had an enjoyable break and are starting to feel the joys of the better weather. This term we will be learning about the human and physical geography of Japan. For literacy we will be learning how to create tension and suspense in our writing. For the year 6s, this term we will also have SATS, which will give them the chance to showcase all the learning they have undertaken in KS2. We then we end the term with our residential trip.

Weekly timetable:

Afternoon lessons will vary each week.

Monday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Topic

Tuesday: Maths, Science, Art

Wednesday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, Swimming

Thursday: Maths, Guided Reading, Literacy, RE

Friday: Maths, Guided Reading, PE

Grammar will be taught as part of the literacy lessons.

Swimming: This term we are continuing with our swimming lessons for year 5/6 at Ewe Swim in Smarden. The children will be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon, so please make sure they bring everything they will need to school for this experience. Our last swimming lesson will be Wednesday 14th May 2025.

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 **Monday**. Please make sure they have their spelling packs school each day. The children have been given a log in for Maths.co.uk and are be expected to complete a task on this each week, also to be checked on a Monday. 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.

English: Our guided reading text this term will be *The Haunting of Aveline Jones* by Phil Hickes. Aveline Jones loves reading ghost stories, so a dreary half-term becomes much more exciting when she discovers a spooky old book. Not only are the stories spine-tingling, but it once belonged to Primrose Penberthy, who vanished mysteriously, never to be seen again. Intrigued, Aveline decides to investigate Primrose's disappearance. Now someone... or something, is stirring. And it is looking for Aveline.

Using this book as a springboard, we will learn about how writers create atmosphere, suspense and tension in their writing.



Maths: We will be continuing with our weekly arithmetic and Year 6 will be getting in lots of reasoning practise papers in the lead up to their SATs. We will be looking at the topic 'shape' in our weekly lessons, looking at different types of angles, measuring and drawing angles accurately, calculating angles around a point and on a straight line before looking at regular and irregular polygons and 3D shapes.

Science: Our topic will be Electricity this term.

Topic: This term the children will learning about Japan. Answering the questions, where in the world is Japan? How can you use longitude and latitude to describe the position of Japan, and other countries, on a map? How do earthquakes occur and the impact they have on a location? What is the physical and human geography of Japan? And how does the life of a Japanese school child compare with that of a UK school child?

Art and DT: To link with our Japan topic, the children will be creating their own versions of *The Great Wave*.

R.E: Our focus this term is Islam where we will be exploring the big question: What is it like to be Muslim in Britian today?

P.E: Our PE focus this term is striking and fielding as well as finishing our swimming lessons. PE will be on a Friday, please can children come to school in their PE kit. Please expect PE to be outside, therefore ensure that children are in suitable clothing. Our PE kit can be found on our website, but consists of black short/skorts or joggers and a blue t-shirt, with or without the John Mayne logo and trainers/plimsolls. Children may wear their school cardigan or jumper as well. If your child does not have appropriate kit, we will provide them with kit from the school spares.

Important Dates:

- 23rd April – Parents residential information session
- 5th May – Bank holiday
- 7th May – Travelling Book Fair
- 8th May – VE day menu for lunch
- 12th – 15th May – Year 6 Sats
- 20th – 23rd May – Lower Grange Farm Residential trip
- 23rd May – Last day of term and Open Classroom