

London- Our Capital City! Badgers Autumn 2 Parent Topic Leaflet



For the second half of the Autumn term, Badgers have the really exciting topic of 'The Great Fire of London'.

Helpful information

A healthy snack is provided for Badgers at playtime but if your child prefers to bring their own snack in, that is ok as long as it is fresh/dried fruit or vegetables. If your child would like milk you will need to order this via www.coolmilk.com

Please can I ask that children do not bring in any toys or treasures to school! If a child has a special achievement or something they would like to share in Celebration Worship then please make sure an adult knows so we can keep it safe.

The whole class has **PE** on **Tuesdays** this half term. The children should come to school dressed in the correct kit. Please can you ensure that ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled.

ALL BADGERS have **Outdoor Explorers** on **Wednesday** this half term with Paul from Fresh Air Club. Please make sure all children bring in the correct outdoor clothing. We will be starting EPIC playtimes which means wellies will be staying in school at all times. Please make sure they are clearly labelled.

Book changing will continue on **Fridays!** Each child will move onto the next book once they have read the same book 3 times. We recommend that children read at home everyday as it is so important at this age! I really enjoy reading the comments and discussing these reading sessions with the children to share the love of reading, so please provide evidence of them in the reading record. Everyday children should come into school with their reading record and book in their bookbag. We will be sharing class texts each day as a whole class or in small guided reading groups. We hear the children read in these sessions but will not write all of these in each individual reading record. We will also read 1:1 with the children where these will be written in the reading records.

On a Monday morning the class will continue being taught by Mrs Tarchetti. She will be at Witchampton on both Mondays and Tuesdays covering teaching planning time and supporting interventions across the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email/Dojo or catch me at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss. My email is rgreaves@witchamptonfirstschool.org. If it is during the school day then please contact Mrs Cohen in the school office and I will try my best to get back to you ASAP.

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English	<p>We will be writing letters, diaries, recounts and poems using our class texts as a stimulus. The children will continue to be encouraged to think about what they are going to write and orally rehearse it before writing. We will begin to think about editing our own work in order to make improvements.</p> <p>Year 1 children will continue to follow the Unlocking Letters and Sounds Programme. We have just started on Phase 5a! This is where we will learn a new grapheme everyday as well as weekly CEW. These will be uploaded on Dojo each week for you to practise in books and during conversations at home.</p> <p>Year 2 children will now be revising their phonics and developing their stamina of sentence writing using the ULS guidance.</p> <p>In handwriting, we will continue using Kinetic Letters working on our formation and posture when writing.</p>
Class Texts	<p><u>Linking to topic</u> Vlad and the Great Fire of London by Kate Cunningham A Walk in London by Salvatore Rubbino All about The Great Fire of London by Pam Robson The Great Fire of London by Liz Gogerly ULS books- Fire and Great Fire of London. Paddington Stories - Michael Bond A Walk In London- By Salvatore Rubbino</p> <p><u>Reading for enjoyment and PSHE books from the library.</u> <u>Science based (Materials)</u> Wool by Heinemann First Library Cotton by Heinemann First Library Rock by Heinemann First Library Wood by Heinemann First Library Metal by Heinemann First Library Glass by Heinemann First Library</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths, we are going to continue learning addition and subtraction within 20 before moving onto numbers within 100. With Mrs Tarchetti on a Monday, they will be learning shape. We will continue to follow our mixed age White Rose Maths approach.</p>
DT	<p>This term we will be learning about levers and sliders. Children are going to design and make their own moving picture for a specific purpose. They need to think about the design process, creating the product for a targeted audience and evaluate their creation and suggest improvements.</p>
Music	<p>We will be listening to and appraising a variety of music. We will be playing percussion instruments and keeping a steady beat. We will also be learning our songs for Christmas!</p>
Geography	<p>We will be learning about London and the importance of The River Thames. We will be making comparisons between London and Witchampton relating it to The Great Fire of London.</p>

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History	We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and the impact it had, looking at different sources of evidence and the sequence of events! This is a really exciting topic where the children will have the opportunity to watch how fire works in outside lessons.
Science	In science we will be learning about materials, focusing on the properties. .
Computing	The children are really enjoying computing. They are fantastic at logging in and are starting to type. This half term they will be learning to... Recognise the uses and features of information technology. Explain how information technology helps us Explain how to use information technology safely Identify information technology beyond school*
PE	On Tuesdays we will be learning PE Fundamentals. This is where we will be describing how the body feels during exercise, use feedback provided to improve the quality of their own work, provide feedback using keywords and identify good technique. We will have the opportunity of two PE sessions being run by St Michael's sports leaders. This half term they will run fun and engaging sessions that will build their confidence as sport leaders as well as engage our children with new experiences.
RE	We will be learning about 'Incarnation' and answering the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' . We will explore the idea that God came to earth in the flesh, as Jesus. We will be becoming more familiar with the Christmas story, exploring the concept of Jesus as a king and learning about how Christians use advent as a time for preparing for the coming of Jesus.

Vocabulary Box	
waterproof	Something that keeps water out is waterproof.
absorbent	A material that can soak up liquid is absorbent.
opaque	Something that is opaque cannot be seen through and does not allow light to pass through it.
transparent	If an object or material is transparent, it means light completely passes through it, and you can see clearly through it.
plague	Plague is caused by tiny living things called bacteria. It is mostly a disease of rats. Fleas that bite infected rats pick up the plague bacteria. They then spread it to other rats or to people through bites.