

Badgers Class – Term 1

Growing Together

Welcome back, Badgers! I hope you all had the nicest summer — whether you were off on adventures or just enjoying some quiet days at home. I can't wait to see you all tomorrow, hear all their holiday stories, and get stuck into a brand new term together. This Term is going to be very busy but exciting. Here is a brief of all the learning we will be up to!



In English, we'll be working in a **2-week fiction cycle**, giving the children plenty of time to explore a story, build vocabulary, rehearse ideas, and produce a piece of writing they feel proud of. Each term, we'll also learn a **non-fiction text type** to expose the children to different **writing purposes** and help them understand how writing changes depending on its audience and goal.

Over the term, we'll be practising **character description**, **setting description**, and key **literary devices** to help the children add detail and interest to their writing. We'll also have **two grammar-focus days** in each cycle, where children learn structures and sentence patterns they can apply straight into their independent work.

To support sentence building and confidence, we'll continue using **Colourful Semantics** throughout the term — it's a brilliant tool for helping children organise their ideas and build clearer, more accurate sentences.

Our two fiction books this term will be **The Gigantic Turnip** and **Lila and the Rain**, which give us lovely opportunities for rich vocabulary, expressive language, and lots of oral rehearsal before writing.

In **maths**, we'll be diving into place value, building confidence with representing numbers up to 100, and strengthening our fluency through lots of short, practical activities. All of our learning will be fully differentiated so every child can work at the level that suits them best. We'll be following the White Rose Maths scheme throughout the term, keeping everything structured, consistent, and accessible for the children.

This Term we'll be thinking all things **plants**! The children will be running little experiments with seeds, exploring different trees and plants, and even growing their own cress to taste — always a highlight. We'll also be getting creative by designing and making our own picnic blankets. The children will print leaves onto fabric, then sew their pieces together to create a finished blanket they can be proud of.

Alongside this, we'll be learning about **nutrition**, **healthy food**, and **body functions**, helping the children understand what their bodies need to stay strong and energised. We'll also have a geography focus on **Kenya**, exploring the climate, the types of food grown there, and how the environment shapes daily life.

Our PE days are Thursday and Wednesday

Children in Badgers will be joining their KS2 class for swimming on **Thursdays**. Each year group takes part in swimming at different points in the school year, so I'll send out separate letters to let you know exactly **which term** your child's year group will be swimming. This way everyone has the right information well in advance and can feel fully prepared.

Communication—for the daily communication children will go home with a communication book that will be filled up everyday. If there is anything significant, I will message you on Seesaw or give you a call.

Reading Event— October 15th 2:15 PM.

- The last day of Term 1 will be Thursday the 22nd October, as Friday will be an inset day.

Please let me know if there is any other information you would like to know about this term. I am happy to give you a call. I look forward working with you all this year!

Miss Garcia