



## Badger Class News! Autumn 1 2018



### Environments

Welcome back to Riverside! We all hope that you had a fantastic summer holiday! We will be welcoming a new Badger class and helping everyone to understand the 'green choices' that we use to help us at school. **The school trip will be to a local animal park. This means that the children will have the chance to observe and take photos of different animals in their environments.**

Thank you very much for your continued support. If you have any questions please ask either in the blue home books or over the phone.

**The Badger Team: Miss Glover, Mrs Mould, Mrs Bovey, Miss Pryce, Miss Henry.**

### Helpful Notes

In topic we will be looking at comparing a range of familiar environments. Please send in any spare junk modelling containers that you have.

Please remember that it is very helpful to have the children's names written on their clothing and school equipment. P.E. kits can stay in school until the end of term.

Sun-cream and hats will be useful if the weather gets very hot again soon!

**Thank you!**

### English

Our literacy topic is half term is reports linked to the topic. We will use familiar children's classics like 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Snail and the Whale' to explore environments such as the wood and the sea-side further!

We will also focus on specific phonics to build our skills in letters and sounds. Practising our mark making skills will involve using a range of sensory materials and hand gym activities. We will read our books at least 3 times a week in order to build reading skills and record reading logs in the yellow home books. The children will bring their reading log prizes home on a Thursday if they have collected 10 new reading logs.

### Mathematics

In number lessons the children will get to work with a range of resources such as number lines, number cards, counting animals, dice and number pictures. These will support their recognition of numbers, sorting, grouping and the concept of 'more'. In measures we will complete tables and make marks to compare the information that we collect. To compare length we will use measuring resources to compare objects and sort them into groups of 'long' and 'not long'. Similarly, for capacity measures we will explore containers before filling them so that we can recognise what is 'full' and 'not full' etc.

### Useful Websites!

1. <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zdyycdm/resources/1>
2. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/geography.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/geography.shtml)
3. <http://interactivesites.weebly.com/habitats.html>
4. <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>

### P.E.

On Thursday afternoons we will be taking part in ball skill activities in the hall. We will look at how to involve everyone in the class using skills such as throwing and catching with a range of equipment.

Tuesday mornings will be spent swimming at Barncroft Primary School pool with a trained instructor. We will travel in the school bus at 10:30am and be back before lunch.

The children will need a towel and swimming costume every week in preparation for this.

**Swimming is 50p per session or £5 for the summer term.**

**Please can we have P.E. kits ready for use on Thursdays and swimming kits for Tuesday mornings.**

**Thank you so much for your continued support and help with this!**