



Badger Class News! Spring 2 2018



Forces

Welcome back! We all hope that you had a lovely half term week.

We will be exploring the new topic of 'forces' to practise our science skills.

To introduce the topic we will compare 'push and pull' with different resources. To see forces in action Badger class will work in groups to explore magnets and demonstrate floating/sinking.

The school trip will be to a local park so that they can test the parachutes that they have made in topic.

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

Topic Materials

In topic we will be making our own toy cars in order to 'push' them down a ramp and test how far they travel.

Please send in any spare cardboard boxes or containers that you have for the main structure of the cars.

Thank you!

English

Our literacy topic for half term is based on information texts. Badger class will look at books about these three subjects: animals, toys and vehicles. We will recall facts and look at examples in the non-fiction books.

Specific phonics will build our knowledge of 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 every other 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 and number grids. These will support their recognition of numbers, adding, subtracting, multiples, the concepts of more/less and place value. In measures we will focus specifically on length by using both standard units with rulers and non-standard units with handprints etc. Badger class will make measurement comparisons using key vocabulary such as 'long' and 'not long'. These comparisons will allow us to explore length through a range of resources.

Useful Websites!

1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zn77hyc>
2. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/forces_movement.shtml
3. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=67>

P.E.

In P.E. we will be taking part in **dance** sessions in the hall. We will look at how to dance to different kinds/speeds of music, how to move to music with a regular rhythm and how to travel at different levels using equipment safely in the hall.

Please can we have P.E. kits ready for use on Monday.

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