



## Badger Class News! Summer 1 2018



### **Ancient Egyptians**

Welcome back! We all hope that you had a fun and exciting Easter holiday!

We will be exploring the amazing history topic of the Ancient Egyptians. This will allow the children to learning about where Egypt is in the world as well as Africa. The big Geographical features will be important, especially the pyramids, the river Nile and the Sphinx.

**This half term both year 5 and 6 will go to Fairthorne Manor for fun outdoor activities! Year 5s will have the taster day and be back later the same afternoon. Please ask if you have any questions.**

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.

**The Badger Team: Miss Glover, Mrs McBride, Miss Peters and Mrs Shawyer.**

### Topic

In maths we will compare 3D shapes such as cuboids, cubes, pyramids and cones. To help us with getting to know and recognise 3D shapes we will look at real life objects that represent them. This could include boxes, cylinders, packaging or containers. Any that you could send in for us to look at will be great fully received and appreciated.

Thank you!

### English

Our literacy topic for half term will be the Ancient Egyptian myths and legends. We will focus on the main Egyptian Gods and their fun powers so that we can enjoy the creation story and the story of the after-life.

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 understanding 3D shape we will need to become more familiar with 3D shapes through labelling, building, exploring and sorting. Badger class will look at real-life objects that represent 3D shapes, for example, boxes and cuboids. If we open these we will be able to look at nets and how they come together to make 3D shapes.

### Useful Websites!

1. <http://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egypt.html>
2. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zq87xnb/resources/1>

### P.E.

We will be taking part in swimming lessons on Wednesday mornings. The children will travel to Barncroft School in a minibus with a known swimming instructor. We will swim and then return to Riverside school in time for lunch.

**Please can we have swimming kits ready for use on Wednesday. It is a total of £5 for the full term of swimming sessions or 50p a session.**

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