

### **Badger Class information:**

#### **P.E.**

We will have P.E on a **Tuesday and Friday**. Children are to come to school in P.E kits on both of these days please.

#### **Homework**

Please concentrate on reading daily with your children as it really helps them to develop their reading skills, and enjoyment of books. In maths children have logins for Purplemash which is a programme that will help every child achieve the a 'triple of understanding, recall and fluency.' Children are expected to practise their times tables once per week.

#### **Our school office email address is:**

[barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education](mailto:barcombeoffice@skylarkfed.education)

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- Curriculum meeting – 16/09/2024
- Parent consultations – w/c 23/10/2024
- Harvest Church service - w/c

#### **Things you could try at home to enrich learning:**

- Explore information books on Castles and perhaps visit a real Castle if you can. We will be having a class trip to Lewes Castle! More information to follow.
- Make a castle using a construction kit or junk modelling materials. Take a photo and email it to the school office so it can be shared with the class.
- Writing- Write for real purposes such as a letter or card to send to someone. Write lists such as a shopping list.
- Write a letter to the king asking to stay in one of his castles.

# **Welcome to Badger Class Curriculum Information Term 1 and 2**

Teacher: Mr Woodrow

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wigley and Mrs Elphick

## ENGLISH

In Terms 1 and 2, our English lessons will centre around an engaging Project - **Conflict**. We will continue our daily phonics lessons while exploring the narrative Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival. This book will help students discuss and express their hidden worries, while also practicing rich language skills by writing sentences with adjectives, verbs, and dialogue. Afterwards, we will explore the book 'Tell me a Dragon' and 'Rapunzel'.

## MATHS

Our focus for Term 1 will be place value, addition and subtraction. We will begin by counting objects, counting forwards and backwards and representing numbers to 100, honing our subitising skills and learning efficient methods of adding and subtracting small numbers. In Term 2, we will be continuing with place value, this time to 1000. In all our maths learning we will be using concrete resources to support and show our mathematical understanding, and building on our ability to recall key number facts, such as number bonds, doubles and halves fluently. We will also be practising our times tables.

### **PROJECT: Conflict (History Focus)**

Our History work this term is part of our project 'Conflict'. Within this topic we will be diving into what life was like in a medieval castle. The children will be finding out about UK Castles and why the Normans built them. We will be learning about different types of castles as well as some historical figures who might have lived in one. We will be hot-seating William the Conqueror and talking about the 4 claimants to the throne in 1066. This project allows us to look at and analyse amazing artefacts such as the Bayeux Tapestry and provides us with plenty of fun opportunities to explore, discover and analyse the past. We will be baking bread like cooks in castles, finding out about a knight's daily routine, designing our own coat of arms and even building our own castles!

### Our Project is: **Conflict (Castles)**



## P.E.

In PE this term, we will be focusing on developing movement and coordination. We will be exploring multi-skills activities to develop balance, spatial awareness, agility and coordination. Afterwards, we will be focusing on Basketball and Football. The children should come to school in their P.E kits on Tuesday and Friday.

## SCIENCE

This term in Science we will be learning all about living things and their habitats. The pupils will classify a variety of animals, come to understand habitats, and examine our local gardens.

## Art

In Art, children will be developing their painting skills! In our Conflict Project, students will design their own coat of arms, create and paint castles, and create their own flags. These activities will help them explore personal identity and express their understanding of the project's themes through creative expression.

## P.H.S.E

This term's focus is 'Being me in my world'. The children will explore the idea of belonging. They will work together as a class to decide on their class agreement and will talk about what it means to belong to the class. We will discuss ways that the children can help each other learn, talk about when and where they feel 'safe and special' as well as discussing what it means to feel proud.

## R.E

In RE, we will be looking at the question 'What do Hindus believe God is like?' We will strive to answer this question through the discovery of the various Hindu Gods as well as their methods and prayer and worship.

## Computing

In Computing this term, we will be discussing Online-Safety and how to use technology safely, learning about digital footprints and age ratings.