



Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back 'Brilliant Badgers'!

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and feel refreshed and excited for an action-packed year of learning. We have many fabulous topics to explore this year, that will inspire us, challenge us and grow our brains! Throughout this year, we will also be supported in class by the lovely Mrs Nottage.

Curriculum

You will receive information sheets for an overview of what we will be focusing on this term. The main theme for our learning is 'Invasion' but over the whole term we will cover topics such as 'Food and the Digestive System', 'Sound', 'Fresh Food to Go', 'Contrast and Complement' and 'Warp and Weft'. These are great topics to start with and there is plenty for the children to get excited about! If you have any artefacts, books or resources you would be happy for your child to share with the class, related to any of our curriculum areas this term, please send them into school clearly named. Children in Year 4 across the country, will be sitting a times table screening test in the summer term, so we will be working on preparing them for this throughout the year. I will be sending out separate literature regarding this in due course.

Homework

Each term, the children will receive topic-based homework activities. With the recent introduction of the fortnightly Maths sheets, we would ideally expect the children to complete at least one piece of homework every other week from the topic homework grid-to be handed in on a Friday. The children will also be provided with a list of spellings via the Edshed learning platform. Please encourage your child to participate and earn points, to ensure we stay at the top of the whole school leader board! As the children will be sitting the Year 4 times table screening in June 2024, any extra practice that they can complete on TT Rockstars would be incredibly beneficial. Logins for these platforms can be found in the front of your child's reading record.

Reading books and library books

Your child will be coming home with a school reading book shortly. As we begin Year 4, the emphasis remains on comprehension when reading. We would encourage you to spend time talking to your child before and/or after they have read, to discuss the events, themes and characters in the book. Please record when you have read with your child in their reading record, as this is invaluable in assisting us to see how they are progressing with reading at home. When your child has completed their book, I may ask them questions to check they have read and understood the content before changing it. To encourage independence, children will be responsible for changing their own books. We have a great selection of books in class and in the school library, however, if your child is a free reader, they may wish to read books that they have at home - and this is okay. Remind your child that reading covers many genres and doesn't need to be just fictional stories! Why not get them to choose a fact book or perhaps get them to read the recipe whilst helping you cook!



PE

Badgers will have PE on a Monday and Friday. All children should come to school on these days dressed in their PE kits. Please ensure that they not only have the correct PE kit on, but that it is suitable for the weather conditions, as we aim to go outside as much as possible.

Outdoor Learning

We are very fortunate to have an incredible outdoor space to support your child's learning journey. We will be ensuring that we spend a portion of our learning time each week reaping the benefits that outdoor learning brings. As we aim to do this regardless of the weather, please can you ensure that a pair of wellington boots are kept in school (in a named bag) and that your child always has a suitable coat, hat or gloves with them.

Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle, which they will have access to throughout the day. Water bottles will be sent home with your child at the end of every day to be washed and refilled.

Pencil cases

All the stationery that the children will need is provided by the school, therefore pencil cases are not necessary. However, if your child would like to bring in a pencil case, then they can. I will ask for this to stay in their bag or in their draw in the classroom, until they are invited to get them out, in order to complete an art-based activity or something a little more special.

I hope that this letter has been informative and helpful and that your child is looking forward to an exciting year ahead! Should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to me. I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor
Y4 Class Teacher