



Term two newsletter

Dear parents,

Term two already! Term one went really fast but the children settled in with ease. The new routines and rules haven't phased them or prevented us from having some fun and creative lessons. Highlights from term one included plenty of art opportunities, weekly forest school and of course our virtual trip to Stonehenge. But here we are at the start of a very busy second term.

Inquiry

This term we are exploring how we organise ourselves and considering why human beings need to understand the changing nature of the Earth in order to survive. We will be learning how the world has changed and continues to change before considering the impact we have on it with a focus on natural disasters such as flooding. To kick start this inquiry children played a game online to see how well they could protect a community from an impending flood. Needless to say we all have lots to learn (including myself and Mrs Vaughan).

Homework

This will be handed out/uploaded every Monday and must be completed by the following Monday. All English and inquiry homework will be on the badger class 20-21 google classroom. Spellings and times tables will go on there as well as each child bringing home a list every Monday.

All homework must be submitted via google classroom (other than maths) either using google docs or by taking a photo of their work completed in the homework exercise book. TTRS engagement will also be monitored weekly.

Homework engagement will continue to be monitored. Your child's login details are written in the front of their homework book and have not changed from last term.

Reading journals

Each morning we will ask children to show us their reading journal to record whether they have read at home. There is an interactive reading log in our

classroom for children to move up each time they read at home. The target is 5 times each week. As well as our interactive reading log we also have rewards and certificates when children reach certain milestones. 25, 50, 100 and 200 reads will get them a prize and certificate. If your child uses myON then please write this in their reading journal. However, please note that in order to qualify as a read, your child needs to have read for a minimum of 10 mins. This week we have two children receiving their prize for hitting 25 reads.

PE

Our PE lessons are still Wednesdays so please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school. Please ensure that as well as their kit being labelled that your child is able to get changed independently. We are not able to tie laces or help with changing in any way. If your child cannot tie laces then they need trainers that are Velcro. PE kits will come home at the end of term 2 to be washed.

Routines

The start time for badger class is 9am at the back gate NOT the front entrance. Your child will not be allowed to enter through the front gate if they have a younger sibling. They will need to walk round to the back gate. Our finish time is 3.05pm and children are to be collected from the back gate. Parents will not be allowed onto the playground. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with myself I will be able to do this via telephone or email. Our class email address is badgerclass@molehillprimaryacademy.org.uk.

During any one-to-one work with myself or Mrs Vaughan please be aware that we will be wearing a face covering. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We will be using the forest area on Friday 6th November, Friday 20th November and Friday 4th December. Please make sure that your child comes in wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Given that it is only going to get colder, please also ensure that they have hat, scarf and gloves.

Kind regards

Miss King and Mrs Vaughan