



Badger Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parents/Carers



Our class topics



Our topic this half term is Living things and their habitats. We will be learning about different animals, plants, and finding the places that they live. We will explore how animals survive, the homes they live in, and how we can look after the environment.

At home you could:

- Go on a nature walk and look for insects, birds, or plants.
- Talk about where animals live (e.g. fish in water, birds in trees).
- Sort toy animals into groups (farm animals, wild animals, pets).

English and Communication

Our English focus this half term is Stories about Animals. We will be enjoying a range of animal stories, sequencing events, describing characters, and acting out parts of the story.

At home you could:

- Read animal stories together and talk about the pictures.
- Ask simple "who/what/where" questions about the story.
- Encourage your child to make animal sounds or describe their favourite animal.

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is Shape and Pattern. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, making repeating patterns, and using shapes in creative activities.

At home you could:

- Spot shapes in the environment (e.g. circles on wheels, squares on windows).
- Create simple patterns with blocks, toys, or food.
- Use shape cutters when baking or playing with playdough.

Topic key language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are: **Animals, Woodland, Desert, Polar, Jungle, Farm, Sea**

We have had a wonderful first few days back at school and are so excited to see what this year brings for our lovely pupils.

We often share photos of what staff or pupils have been doing with their families e.g. park / farm visits. If you have any nice photos you would like us to share in class, please do email them to me, or put a note in the blue book so we can talk about home life too.

Any questions or updates please email- stephen.ashton@riverside.hants.sch.uk



Badger Class staff



Mr Steve Ashton - Class teacher PPA Monday afternoon

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Helen Black

Katie Jasper

Reading and wellies

Please remember to enjoy books with your child, even if it is talking about the pictures. Please record this in the yellow reading record book. Please ensure these come to school everyday with the blue home book. Please send named coats, wellies and spare clothes in.

PE

This half term Badgers will go to Portsmouth school of gymnastics in Farlington as part of our PE curriculum. We go at 11:15-12:30 on Mondays. Please wear sports clothes on Monday.

Important dates

INSET day - Wednesday 1st October

Last day of term - Friday 24th October

Return to school after half term break - Monday 3rd November.