



Badger Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents/Carers



Our class topics



Our topic this half term is Light and Sound. We will explore and identify different items that light up and learn to activate them safely. We will use lights to make shadows and light up dark spaces. The children will explore and identify different items that create sound and begin to identify and label sounds in our environment.

At home you could:

- Go for a walk and identify different sounds.
- Play 'I hear' games.
- Explore light using different modes e.g. torch, candle, flashing toys.

English and Communication

Our English focus this half term is 'Instruction' text. We will use books including 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth' and Hey Duggee 'Toothbrushing badge'. We will identify the instructions and use these to practice the skills of washing and cleaning our own teeth.

At home you could:

- Watch the Hey Duggee toothbrushing badge song and follow the instructions.
- Make a set of picture instructions for familiar routines and follow them.

Maths

Our topic in Maths this half term is Spatial awareness. We will be learning about positional language 'on', 'in', 'in front' 'behind' 'next to'. We will also practice following arrows for forwards, backwards, left and right.

At home you could:

- Chalk arrows to follow a route to a favoured activity.
- Practice using positional language 'put the toy in the box'.

Topic key language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are: **Light, Dark, Shadow, Sound, Loud, Quiet, Christmas**

Please continue to email me any photos of activities or trips our children enjoy so we can share these with each other as a class. The children really enjoy looking at and celebrating each other when we look at photos on the white board.

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



Badger Class staff



- Mr Steve Ashton - Class teacher PPA Monday afternoon.
- Paige Easterbrook
- Helen Black
- Katie Jasper

Reading and wellies

Please remember to send in wellies and plenty of spare clothes for the winter season as we will still be outside or have sensory sessions in class. Enjoy reading and looking at books with your child and complete the yellow reading log.

PE

This half term Badger will go to Gymnastics on Wednesday mornings. The children are practicing to follow instructions to get changed for gymnastics and when we get back.

Important dates

- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Saturday 6th December - Christmas Fayre
- Monday 15th December - Christmas dinner/ Christmas jumper day.
- Week commencing 15th December - KS2 Parent Christmas events.
- Friday 19th December - Christmas party / Last day of term, 12:45pm finish.
- Monday 5th January - Return to school, INSET