

Dear Parents/Carers,

Curriculum Letter Spring Term 1 2024

All the Badgers Team would like to wish you a Happy New Year. A quick reminder that our team looks a little different this term. Mrs Vaughan will sadly not be teaching Badgers, as she has moved to Otters to help cover Mrs Kerry's maternity leave. The children will still see her around and I am sure she will love hearing about all their learning over the coming terms. Ms Bell and Mrs Hurst continue as our class teaching assistants and will support individuals and groups across the school day. The children will also be seeing Mrs Tuck more in our classroom, as she will now support individuals across Foxes and Badgers

This term PE will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, taught by Mrs Pickering and Dan Robinson (our PE specialist). On these days we request that children wear their PE kit and have long hair tied back, as this not only gets in their way but can also be a potential safety hazard.

The children will continue their progression through Little Wandle Phase 5 (yr1) and Spelling Unit 1(yr2). The Class Page on the school website will be updated soon if you wish to consolidate any prior learning with your children at home.

CURRICULUM AREA	Spring 1
Christian Value	Forgiveness
Class Book	The Sandwich Swap
Genres	Fiction: Whole narrative Non-fiction: Non chronological report
Reading	Daily reading for pleasure during our 'Everybody Read' time. VIPERS strategies for comprehension. Year 1 Little Wandle Reading Practice with an adult 3 times per week.
Maths	Continuation of the CanDo maths programs
Science	Seasonal Changes – Wild Weather
R.E.	1.6. Who is Muslim and how do they live? (PART 2)
Art	Mrs Barr (Art Specialist) will teach the children on Wednesday afternoons Focus artist: Georgia O'Keefe (observational drawing, scale and colour)
Computing	Unit 1.4 Lego Builders - Computer Science
Geography	What is the weather like in the UK?
P.E.	Gymnastics and Outdoor Adventurous Activities
PSHE	Keeping Safe – e-safety
Music	Exploring Sounds

Finally two friendly reminders:

- 1 - Name all clothing, hats, gloves, snack boxes, water bottles.
- 2 – Children do not need to bring in any additional stationery, games, toys or jewellery. These often cause distractions from learning and upset when they get misplaced or broken.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at the school gate or via office email: admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Pickering, Ms Bell and Mrs Hurst