

Our Wonderful World-Autumn 1 Badgers

Parent Topic Leaflet



Welcome back to school! It has been so lovely welcoming the children back to school this week and hearing all of the fantastic adventures they have had over the holidays. The children have settled really well and are remembering their Witchampton values. . Our first topic is ' Our Wonderful World' and we have some really exciting things planned for this term!

A few things you will need to know...

This half term, the whole class has PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children should come to school dressed in the correct kit. Please can you ensure that ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled.

This half term the whole class will be having Mrs Tudor-Murphy for Outdoor Explorers on a Friday! Please can children come into school wearing their outdoor clothing!

Every child will be changing their books on a Monday. We recommend that children read at home most days. I really enjoy reading the comments and discussing these reading sessions with the children to share the love of reading, so please provide evidence of them in the reading record. Everyday children should come into school with their reading record and book in their bookbag, as they will have one guided reading session a week which will be written in the reading record as well as being read individually at school.

Must-do activities at home- Reading 10 minutes a day and spellings/phonics practise. Home learning will go home on a Friday in home learning books from October.

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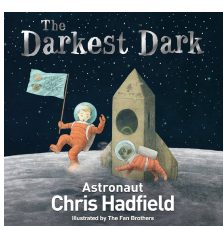
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A healthy snack is provided for Badgers at playtime but if your child prefers to bring their own snack in, that is ok as long as it is fresh/dried fruit or vegetables.

Please can I ask that children do not bring in any toys or 'treasures' to school!

Please do not hesitate to contact me or catch me at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss. My email is rgreaves@witchamptonfirstschool.org or you can get a message to me via the school office and I will try my best to get back to you ASAP. A Dojo will be sent out once a week celebrating learning.

Thank you for your support, I am really looking forward to the year ahead- Mrs Greaves

English	At the start of the term we are going to be recapping our knowledge on full stops and capital letters, rearranging the alphabet and then progress to our sentence writing. Whilst reading the books below, we will be using our VIPER skills (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain and Retrieve). We will be writing postcards, a narrative in the style of Oliver Jeffers and a fact sheet about Astronauts and Space. Fiction: 'Lost and Found' By Oliver Jeffers  Non-fiction: 'Here We Are' By Oliver Jeffers  The Darkest Dark - Chris Hadfield 
Class reader	Exploring a variety of books by author Oliver Jeffers as well as reading... Look Up - Nathan Bryon The Great Explorer - Chris Judge Look Inside Space - Rob Lloyd Jones, Benedetta Giaufret, Enrica Rusina Astro Girl - Ken Wilson-Max If All The World Were - Joseph Coelho, Allison Colpoys The heart and the Bottle - Oliver Jeffers

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	First Encyclopedia of Space - Usborne Looking After the Egg - GINN Ten Little Superheros - Mike Nrownlow, Simon Rickerty Space a children's encyclopedia
Yr1 Phonics	Revising Phase 4 adding prefixes and suffixes (There will be weekly home learning and updates on Dojo of the sounds and words we have learnt that week).
Yr2 Spellings	Phase 5a Spelling recount (There will be weekly home learning and updates on Dojo of the sounds and words we have learnt that week).
Geography	Understanding the planet. We will be exploring how our Earth is a planet and it is represented by a globe. We will be focussing on the North Pole, South Pole and the Equator.
History	Person with living memory. We will be learning about Neil Armstrong and how he was the first person to walk on the Moon.
Art	Focus is painting- Wassily Kandinsky was one of pioneers for abstract art. He used a range of primary and secondary colours. We are going to look at his ideas of repeated patterns to inspire our own paintings.
Music	We are going to be exploring how different pieces of music make us think and feel and when the mood of a piece changes. Gustav Holst was a composer who loved astrology and wanted to explore the planets through his music.
Maths	We are going to be following our mixed age Maths scheme called White Rose Maths. This breaks the lesson into different stages of retrieval, new learning, independent learning, reasoning and greater depth challenges. We first will revisit place value within 20, Addition and subtraction within 20 and then progress onto place value within 100.
Science	Four seasons- We are identifying the four seasons and recognising features of each one as well as learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be exploring how to use scientific equipment as well as linking our History Astronaut work to Science.
Computing	Understanding Technology- Throughout the year we will be discussing the importance of digital literacy. This term we will be looking particularly at saving our learning (Year 1) and looking at a range of media in their digital content including photos, clipart, texts and sound.
PE/Games	Tuesdays-Fundamental skills- Focusing on balancing and locomotive skills.

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	Thursdays-Ball skills- be practising a range of ball skills kicking and throwing as well as implementing the importance of team work.
RE	<i>Understanding Christianity. Who made the world?</i>
PSHE	Heartsmart- We will be looking at class roles and responsibilities as well as the importance of good handwashing to stop the spread of germs.

Key vocabulary:

Globe	Something spherical or rounded: such as. : a spherical representation of the Earth.
Planet	Large natural objects that orbit, or travel around Stars.
Astronaut	Is a special kind of scientist that takes a spaceship to outer space to study things like asteroids, the earth's atmosphere and the moon.
Solar system	Consists of the Sun and everything that orbits, or travels around, the Sun.
North Pole	The northernmost point on the Earth's surface. It is the top of the Earth's fixed "axis" upon which it spins.
South Pole	Is the southern end of Earth's axis. The axis is an imaginary line through the centre of Earth around which the planet rotates. The South Pole is located in Antarctica.
Equator	An imaginary line around the Earth that goes exactly midway between the North Pole and the South Pole and divides it into two equal halves, the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.
Evergreen	plants that never lose their leaves
Deciduous	trees that shed their leaves once a year, usually during the season of autumn, when their leaves are mature, or fully grown.

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