

# Badger Class Newsletter:

## 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



Our first week back has been a busy one. Lots of the children have already settled into the routines of Badger Class and are showing us how hard they can work!

### Attendance:

Our attendance this week was **97.69%** - what a fantastic start to the year. Thank you for your in getting your child to school, on time, every day.

### Homework:

Today, your child will be bringing home a letter which sets out our homework expectations. Please support your child to complete this every week.

### Class notices:

- In PSHRE on Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> September) the children will be voting for who they would like to represent Badger Class at school council. This week, the children decided that to be on school council they should be: kind, resilient, helpful, reliable, responsible and respectful.

In class, next week, the children will be given some time to write a short speech explaining why they would be a good school councillor. In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could spend some time talking with your child about this ahead of the lesson on Wednesday, so they are ready to write about themselves.

- Next week, as part of our science topic, 'Animals and their habitats', we will be discussing how plants reproduce. Below are copies of the slides I will be sharing with the children. This will be part of a lesson in which we will be dissecting flowers and labelling the parts.


### Reproduction

All living things need to make more of themselves so that their species does not die out.

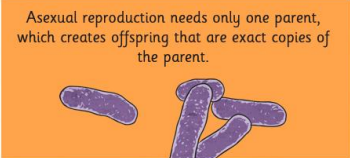
Reproduction is the process by which new living things are made.

There are two types of reproduction: sexual and asexual.

Animals and plants require two parents to make one offspring - this is called sexual reproduction. In some living things, the male and female are separate but in plants they can be in the same organism.



Asexual reproduction needs only one parent, which creates offspring that are exact copies of the parent.



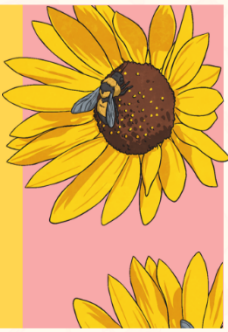
### Reproduction

Living things that use sexual reproduction - for example plants - have cells called gametes. These are split into male gametes and female gametes. In some living things, the male and female are separate, but in other living things one organism contains both male and female gametes.

In plants, the male gametes are contained in the pollen and the female gametes are called ovules.

When a male gamete and a female gamete join, this is called fertilisation.

The offspring are similar to both parents, but not identical to either.



- A reminder that on PE days (Wednesday and Thursday) children should come to school ready for PE. This means wearing their PE kit, having their hair tied back and (preferably) earrings taken out at home. This helps to make sure that no learning time is lost.

### **Learning this week:**

In English, we learnt the meaning of the word 'flotsam' and watched a video about the amazing journey of 29,000 rubber ducks! This was in preparation for diving into the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner.

In maths, we began with place value, exploring numbers up to 1,000,000. The children remembered the importance of the 'place holding zero' and could say the value of the digits in a number. You could ask your child to tell you the value of the thousands digit in this number, for example:

953,253

### **Badger class webpage:**

Please check our webpage for photos of our learning, previous newsletters and other useful information:

[Hingham Primary School - Badger class - Year 5](#)

### **Dates for your Diary: (more will be added in the coming weeks)**

17.09.25	Voting for School Council representatives

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us; we aim to respond to all emails within 3 working days.

Kind regards

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner