

Badger Class Newsletter:

Friday 5th September 2025



Can you believe that we are three days into the new school year already?! The children have certainly hit the ground running and have been working very hard. Hopefully we haven't worn them out too much!

Our main focus in these first few days has been on developing a class set of rules to guide our discussion thinking about what skills a good speaker and a good listener needs. This is what we came up with. Please do discuss them with your child and maybe remind them to practice these skills in family conversations at home.

Discussion Guidelines

	We listen before we speak and take turns.
	We include everyone in our conversation and invite others to join.
	We use positive body language for listening.
	We speak clearly at a sensible volume and pace.
	We speak in sentences using whole thoughts.
	We expand on what we say making links, reasoning and explaining.
	We respect everyone's opinions.
	We challenge each other and disagree politely.

Learning this term

We have an exciting, fun-filled curriculum planned for the coming term (please see curriculum overview). We will be focussing on History, Art, Computing and French this half term and Geography, DT and Music after the October break. Other subjects will be taught weekly.

In preparation for DT for after half term, please can you start looking at home for an old t-shirt that your child up-cycle into something wonderful. The t-shirts that work best in our experience are plain ones with no logo. Any colour is fine as is a t-shirt with a pattern. Sleeve length is also not important.



The graphic features a central image of a badger's head against a background of autumn leaves. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion around the central image, with each subject area in a separate box. The title 'Badger Class' is at the top, and 'Autumn Term' is in the center.

Badger Class

Autumn Term

- Music**
Composition Notation
Blues
- Computing**
Vector Drawing
- RE**
Is believing in God reasonable?
- History**
Are the achievements of the Ancient Greeks overrated? Were the Ancient Greeks any different to other people?
- Geography**
What were conditions like in Antarctica for the crew of the Endurance?
- English**
Flotsam
Shackleton's Journey
- Maths**
Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions
- Science**
Living Things and Their habitats
Earth and space
- PSHRE**
Should I believe everything I see online?
What decisions can people make with money?
- Art**
Drawing: M.C. Escher
- DT**
Textiles: Christmas gift bags
- PE**
OAA
Invasion Games
Team Building
- French**
French Monster pets
Space exploration

Home-learning

In Badger Class, we expect children to complete times tables practice and read regularly at home.

Time tables: We expect children to spend **at least 15 minutes on Times Table Rockstars each week.** On a Friday morning, Mrs Davidson will check to see who has completed this home learning and reward the top 3 highest scoring children with a certificate and shooting stars. Any children who have not completed their full 15 minutes will be expected to make up their missing time during lunchtime (for example, if your child completes only 10 minutes of TTRS at home, we will expect them to complete a further 5 minutes of times tables practice during their lunchtime.) We have a fortnight rolling programme in class where your child will have priority over the iPads on a certain day in order to use them for TTRS if they wish to.

Reading: We continue to expect each child to **read at home for at least 10 minutes a day in addition to the time given to reading in class.** Every Friday, Mrs Davidson will check AR to see which children are on track and those which are not. Every time a child achieves 100% on a quiz, they will receive a certificate. WE have a display in class to help children to see how accurate their quizzing is which is updated weekly. In addition to this, once we are a little further into term, all children will be set an reading target within AR to achieve. This is based on quizzing accuracy as well as reading lots of lovely books.

Class Notices

- As a reminder, **our PE days are a Wednesday and Thursday.** Please don't forget to send your child into school in their colour team PE kits on these days as from next week.
- Please ensure that **named wellies and waterproof coats** are in school as soon as possible. We have already had soggy children this week who have come to school in the morning with no coat and been caught out in the rain. Children will not be able to go on to the field at lunchtimes unless they have a pair of wellington boots.
- Don't forget to regularly check our webpage for photographs of our learning, and copies of newsletters etc. [Hingham Primary School - Badger class - Year 5](#)

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner