

Badger Class Newsletter:

21st November 2025



Please support us in getting your child in to school promptly at **8.45am**. Learning starts at 8:45am with either maths (High Five) or SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar).

Persistent late arrival – even by just a few minutes - means your child misses the important new learning that happens in this 15-minute time slot. It all adds up.

Attendance:

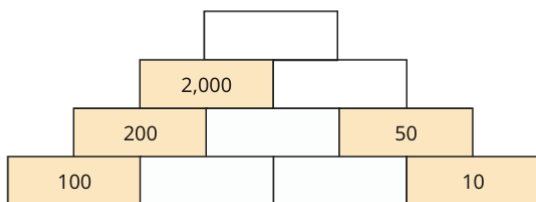
Our attendance this week was **88.89%**.

Learning this week:

In maths, we finished our multiplication and division topic and started on fractions, which we will continue next week.

This is an example of the sort of question the children have been answering. They may want to have a go at it at home. The blank spaces can be found by multiplying numbers next to each other, or dividing if the space is blank e.g. $50 \text{ divided by } 10 = 5$.

Complete the multiplication pyramid.



In Geography, we have been looking at maps and graphs to do with Antarctica and finding out what these tell us about the climate and physical environment of the continent. We were fascinated to find out that there are only two seasons, winter and summer, and that these are at the opposite time of year to our summer and winter. We also found out that at the south pole sometimes the sun doesn't rise for months and sometimes of year it doesn't set for months! I think we decided we pretty much wouldn't want to live there!

In English - we learnt more about Shackleton's Journey and focussed on the difficult crossing of the Weddell Sea. We wrote poems using descriptive language - we wrote a line, then folded our piece of paper and passed it on to the next person. By the end we had some fantastic, atmospheric, collaborative poems!

In science we found out that people used to believe that the earth was at the centre of the solar system - the geocentric model - until the scientist Copernicus suggested that it was the sun at the centre - the heliocentric model. It was another scientist, Galileo Galilei who proved it!

Class Notices:

TTRS reminder: please can children remember to complete their minutes BEFORE 8:15 am on a Friday morning as this is when Mrs Davidson logs on to check. Any minutes after this will not count I'm afraid.

Mobile phones: We have been made aware that some children are bringing their mobile phones into school. Please remind your child to switch them off, and hand them to the class teacher for safe keeping throughout the day. They will be kept in a locked drawer in our desk.

Homework:

A reminder of our homework expectations: **15 minutes of TTRS a week and 10 minutes of reading every day** (this includes you reading to your child as well as them reading to you). Of course, children can always do more of both!

Please encourage your child to complete their homework each week – it is so important and makes all the difference to their progress and achievement. **This week, only 37% of children completed their AR minutes and 59% TTRS.**

Badger class webpage:

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

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
03.12.25	Nativity performance
05.12.25	SEN café with Daisy Daynes from Wymondham High
05.12.25	FOHS Christmas shopping event
11.12.25	Young Carers Afternoon
15.12.25	Whole School Panto Trip
19.12.25	Christmas party morning
19.12.25`	Break up for Christmas holiday

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

Kind regards
Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner