

# Badger Class Newsletter:

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



We are so nearly at the end of term and still have lots to look forward to including the whole class trip to the pantomime on Monday (see ParentMail for more details)!

We will be **leaving school promptly at 9.15am** so as ever, please make sure your child is on time.

### 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!

**This week: 37% of children completed their AR minutes; 52% have completed their TTRS minutes.**

Please encourage your child to complete their homework each week – it is so important and makes all the difference to their progress and achievement.

### Learning this week:

On Wednesday, we had a visit from poet Ash Dickinson [Ash Dickinson - poet, author, comedy performer, workshop facilitator](#).

In assembly, he recited a few of his poems – which were very funny! In the afternoon, he came to the classroom for a short workshop in which he asked the children to write a 9-line poem, split into 3 verses, where each line had to be 3 syllables. To add an extra challenge, one of the lines had to be 'Let it snow', for example:

Starry night  
Warm lights glow  
Children laugh

Fireside hush  
Let it snow  
Evergreen dreams

Gifts wrapped tight  
Hearts beat warm  
Peace drifts in

The children wrote some super poems, which they will be bringing home next week.

In maths, we continued with fractions, this time adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We learnt that when the denominator is the same, we only have to change the numerator:

$$\frac{3}{12} + \frac{4}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

In Geography we have finished our in-depth study of Antarctica. This week we looked at the reasons why tourists visit the continent and thought about whether they should be allowed to or not. We constructed some arguments and held a short debate to air our views before recording our thoughts. We then looked at how climate change is starting to affect the continent.

### Class Notices:

**End of day routine:** At the end of the day, we encourage children to make contact with us before they leave school. This may be to tell us that they are walking home that day, or to point out which grown up they can see that they are going home with. This last contact is vital to ensure peace of mind for ourselves and yourselves that children are all heading off safely in the right directions. Please do not beckon your children over to you until they have spoken to us to say that they have seen you. Thank you for your support in this matter and for reinforcing the message with your child of how important this routine is to keep everyone safe.

### 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

Date	Event
15.12.25	Whole School Panto Trip
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.25	Christmas Party with James D (party clothes, no sports kits) Christmas songs/carols on the playground 3pm
<b>19.12.25`</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas holiday</b>
05.01.26	Staff INSET
<b>06.01.26</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

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