

Badger Class Newsletter:

9th January 2026



Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. Despite the challenges the weather has presented this week, the children have returned to school calmly and ready to start another term of learning!

Class Notices:

In **PE this half term**, the children will be doing gymnastics in the hall so please make sure your child has a pair of shorts in school to change into (or they may prefer to wear them when the weather gets slightly warmer!) as they will not be able to use the bigger climbing equipment in long trousers.

Just a reminder that for PE, **earrings need to be taken out, watches taken off and long hair tied back**; it saves learning time if this can be done at home.

Our science topic this half term is '**Animals Including Humans**'. This topic includes discussion of the changes as humans develop from fertilisation to birth, how babies grow and develop into children and the changes that take place during puberty. Although this will not be in depth, our discussions may include some of the following vocabulary: breasts, pubis hair, hips, facial hair, menstruation and genitals. This will of course be done in an age-appropriate way but you may wish to talk about these things with your child at home to support their learning in school.

Trip You will have seen this evening that your child has brought home a paper letter with details of a trip next month. We are very lucky to have been offered the opportunity to pilot a new Ancient Greek's offer at Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth. We will get to talk philosophy, take part in some storytelling and generally immerse ourselves in the world of the Ancient Greeks that we found out about last term. We can't wait!

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 22% of children completed their AR minutes and only 44% have completed their TTRS minutes.**

