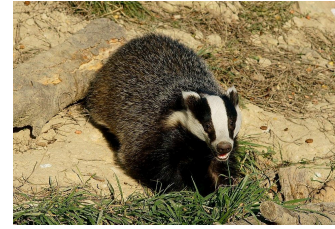
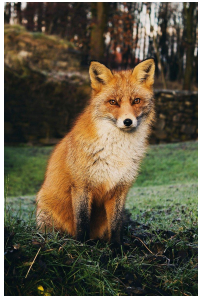


Welcome to our Foxes and Badgers



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our class. During the year we have parents' evenings that give us the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, however our door is always open and if you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Now that your child is in any phase of Key Stage Two, there are some routines that we follow to help develop their independence. Within class, children will be encouraged to question and research topic areas that interest them, take responsibility for their own learning, through challenge learning, making them more confident, independent learners.

PE: PE is on alternate Thursdays and every Friday with a coach. We ask children to come in school uniform and bring their PE kit to get changed into. On Thursdays where it is not PE, children will take part in Forest School activities. They will need old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, wellies and a waterproof. They go out in all weathers!

Our uniform policy is on our school website, and "new to you" uniform is available at the entrance for all. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled as each year we seem to have more and more stray clothing. If it is labelled it is easier to find and return to the owner.

Homework: Each week your child will bring home maths and spelling homework. These will be spellings that support understanding how sounds within words are written. They will be tested each week. Please help your child to learn their spellings by breaking down the words. The New Curriculum puts a great emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar and the children will be tested on this throughout the year and at the end of the learning cycle (3 times a year) but will be taught how to recognise and use this during daily writing lessons. Children will be taught their spelling patterns at school.

I will continue homework and TTR club during the week. When this is decided the children will be notified and it will take place during the school day.

As well as this, the children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week. This is to help them with fluency and understanding of what they are reading and to develop a love of reading. All of the books that your child brings home are suited to their ability. Children who regularly read at home make more rapid progress with understanding as their fluency does not slow them down. As the children are getting older, it is still important that they read to an adult. However, we do understand that they like to read independently and if they wish to. We ask that you record when you have listened to them read or record that they have read so that we can monitor this at school too.

To support children with their maths we ask children to practise their times tables, using hit the button or TT rock stars, as this has become a key focus for the Government and children in Year 4 will be tested by the Government in early June.

Children in years 5 & 6 are able to go home alone at the end of the day (please inform if this is the case), if there are any changes to collection please notify their teacher or the office so that we can let the children know as soon as possible. We do appreciate that things often change at the last minute but for your child's safety please contact us and not other parents, as often messages get confused.

We also ask that any correspondence with school are handed to the class teacher in the classroom. The children are now old enough to be responsible for their own things and this is a good lesson for them to learn for secondary school. It also helps to relieve pressure on the office so that they can deal with the important issues that arise at busy periods.

We hope that this helps you to understand some of the routines that take place on a weekly basis. We look forward to working with you this year to ensure that your child makes maximum progress and continues to have a love of learning and continue to enjoy their experience at school.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Mrs Carroll and Mrs Davis