

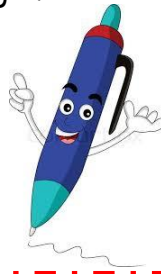
# Welcome to Autumn Term in Badger Class

For some of you it has been a long time since you were in school, I promise it will all come flooding back to you quickly. Year 4's, wow, how did that happen, welcome back to Badgers and Year 3's, I am so pleased to welcome you to Badger class. Here are a few notes for you and your parents about life in Badger Class.

At Barningham we have high pupil expectations for both work and behaviour. We will encourage your child to always try their best and will support your child to produce quality work that is well presented. Pens will be issued once your child has proved that presentation is consistently good at which time a pen licence will be awarded. Our Handwriting Journey will be;

- My ascenders are the same height.
- My descenders are the same length.
- My letters are the same size.
- I have even spaces between words.
- My writing is on the line.
- I begin my writing at the margin.
- My letters all join up.

Your child will be able to watch their progress on their journey.



The children will each be provided with a log into Spelling Shed, where they can practice their weekly spellings, the school have also registered for Maths Shed, which can be accessed via the same log in, a great way to sharpen mental maths skills at home.

I am really pleased that Mrs Yarrow will continue to work with use 3 mornings a week Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Jackson will also continue her 3 mornings Wednesday to Friday.

Swimming will commence shortly, hopefully by the end of September, but due to maintenance work we will have to wait a few weeks. You will receive further information once we have a clearer idea, I am sure you are aware that due to COVID swimming will look a little different to normal.

In the meantime children will receive P.E lessons on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. It is essential your child has PE kit in school with them on these days as we cannot lend any kit this year.

## Reading

Reading is an essential part of learning for your child, we will hear your child read regularly in school, however, I ask that you also listen to your child at least 3 times a week for ten minutes. I appreciate that this can be tricky on some evenings, especially if your child has clubs after school but I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading out loud and discussing books and words. Your child will have a reading log which will need to be in school daily, this is where you can log your child's reading and where we will record reading with your child. Your child's home reading will be monitored every Friday and logged on a Journey through Space! Once their journey has been completed to the next planet they will receive a certificate to bring home and share with you.

Spellings and times tables will be set and tested on a Monday. Again if you could spend some time weekly helping your child to learn these it would really benefit them in class. They will follow a times table challenge and receive certificates as they achieve their levels.

For the time being Bomber will have to stay in school I am afraid.

Our topic for this term is The Romans. This half term we will learn about the impact the Romans have had on life on Britain, considering some of the wonderful things they invented and achieved and how we still use these things today. I am also hoping to host a Roman Day at some point in the term, more details to follow. After half term we will find out about Vesuvius, and compare this to other natural disasters.

### Water

It is essential for your child to drink during the day as it keeps their brain alert, please could you provide your child daily with a named water bottle which will be on their table. We cannot provide cups for the children to drink due to hygiene.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to me, I am available Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school, alternatively make an appointment through the school office  
Mrs Fairlie