

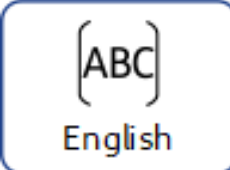
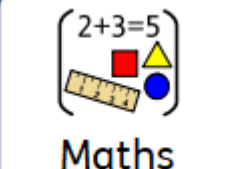
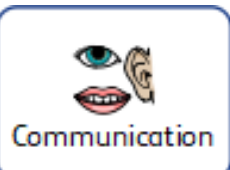


Badger Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Badger Class!

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer break and are looking forward to lots of learning and fun to start off the new academic year. The children have already settled well into Badger class and are learning our routines and expectations.

Badger Class is part of Key-Stage 1 and our teacher is Mr Abbott, supported by three teaching assistants. We look forward to working with you to support your child's education.

 <p>English</p>	<p>In our daily phonics sessions, we will be completing activities linked to the learning of grapheme, phoneme correspondence. Our learning takes place through practical and recorded activities.</p> <p>We have a daily class book and your child will also have a book read to them or they will be beginning early reading with an adult. Your child will bring home a reading book everyday. Please spend time sharing this and reading together to support your child's development and also enhance their speech and communication skills.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>We will be working on our number and place value skills as well as exploring shape, space and measure. We will also be developing our using and applying skills that will promote our life long skills linked to maths. Each week, children will be developing their basic number skills and will experience learning numbers in a range of fun and engaging ways.</p>
 <p>Communication</p>	<p>During our communication lessons, we complete a range of activities that support and develop our language and communication skills. We work on writing, speaking, and listening as well as developing our fine motor skills. Children work on individual speech and language targets and/or WellComm targets. Children also work on their personalised targets.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>Through scientific activities we will be learning about different materials and forces. These will be linked to different toys and have a play and explorative aspect to them. Children will investigate how different materials look, feel and can be changed e.g. folded, bent, rolled, squashed.</p>





This term our topic is ' A Toy Story'

We will be reading and investigating various stories and texts together that link to toys. Some of these will include: Ten in a Bed, Where's My Teddy?, The Blue Balloon, Kipper's Toybox and Stanley's Toy Box. We will learn Makaton signs for key vocabulary linked to these stories and this topic.

 History	<p>In History, we will be investigating the differences between old and new. We will look and compare differences in toys (linked to our topic). Children will be shown Makaton signs and symbols linked to the topic and will be supported communicating their thoughts about the toys they have been shown.</p>
 Geography	<p>In Geography, we will be learning about key places to us and physical features. During these lessons, children will begin to identify important locations around our school, including: Badger classroom, soft play, the hall and other areas.</p>
 PSHE	<p>Our Jigsaw themes for this term are; 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences'. During these sessions we will be working together and individually to share our thoughts and ideas to complete tasks and activities.</p>
 Art	<p>Each week our art lessons will link to our weekly class book and will involve using a range of mediums to create their work. Children will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills and make independent choices on the materials and colours they use.</p>
 Music	<p>Each week, Badger class will be visited by Dudley Performing Arts and have a special music lesson delivered by a music teacher. Within these lessons, children will practise using instruments and following basic commands.</p>
 Computing	<p>In these lessons we will be developing our understanding of how to use a range of electronical devices for a purpose. We will practise using key vocabulary to support the use of these devices such as 'turn on' and 'turn off'.</p>
 RE	<p>During this term, our focus is special people to us; supported by our key enquiry question: What makes people special to me and others? This is supported by the Jigsaw PSHE curriculum.</p>
 PE	<p>Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. On a rotation basis, Badger class will be visiting the soft play facilities at Crystal Leisure Centre.</p> <p>As part of our PE lessons, we will be working towards changing into PE kits as part of our lesson, developing fine and gross motor skills. Please can PE kits be sent into school.</p>
 Life Skills	<p>Our foci this term involves Keeping Safe and Food Therapy. We will be discussing appropriate ways of touching and communicating with others. This includes learning and following the class rules to help everyone feel safe and happy.</p>