

Badger Class 	Class Teacher: Mrs. J. Burbidge 	PPA Teacher: Mrs. E. Gould 	 SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar): Your child will be taught SPaG daily – either discretely or as part of their English session. This will include phonics, spelling patterns, punctuation, grammar, handwriting, use of dictionary/thesaurus and sentence work. Part of their weekly home learning includes spellings on Spelling Shed.	Forest School: In Term 2, Badger class will be participating in Forest School with Mrs Dawes (Forest School Lead) on a Friday afternoon. At the end of Term 1, a medical questionnaire/permission letter for your child will be sent home to be completed and returned. This must be returned for your children to be able to take part in Forest School sessions. Also, a kit list will be sent home as all children will be required to bring in appropriate clothing to change into for these sessions - all of which you are likely to already have at home so no need to purchase anything unexpected. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis for sessions, please let Mrs Dawes know.
Planned Learning Themes	Terms 1&2: Grime, Grit and Great Inventions (Victorians)		Term 3&4: Out of this World	Term 5&6: Country Comparison
 School Routine: The school day starts at 8.45am which is when the register is taken. Children are welcome into the classroom from 8.35am. Children should come in independently and ready to learn. Please use Class Dojo messages to communicate with me or pop into the classroom at the end of the day. Urgent/important messages during the school day should be sent to the school office. Your child will also need to either bring a bottle full of fresh water each day or re-fill the one that they keep in class. Fruit or an alternative healthy snack can be brought in which they can keep in their lunchboxes and have at break time. Please collect your child from the playground doors at the end of the school day. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.	 Reading: Your child will be taught reading skills every week in school during either a group or whole class 'Guided Reading' session. They will also read in different curriculum subjects for a variety of reasons and have the opportunity for quiet individual reading time. Children really do benefit from reading out aloud to you at home at least five times a week and from independent reading sessions. Please use Reading Records to record reading at home in. Children will need to bring their Reading Records and reading book into school every day please.	 Learning at Home: Children learn all the time and they learn best when there is a clear partnership between the school and home. Badgers Class will be expected to complete weekly homework (reading x5, TTRS 15 mins and Spelling Shed games x5) as well as complete a set learning task during the term to bring to lessons. An additional sheet with optional project home learning will be posted on Class Dojo. This will consist of activities to do linked with the term's project; they can do as many or little as they like and take a photo to upload to Class Dojo or bring in their work to share with the class.		
Maths: Vital to your child's understanding of maths will be a clear knowledge of number bonds and times tables. By the end of Year 4 they should know all of their times tables, up to 12x12. If your child is not yet confident with their times tables knowledge, please support them to practise them as often as possible. Part of their homework will be to learn or improve their times tables fluency. Times tables can help your child's confidence across the maths curriculum.	 P.E. Children need to have the correct kit to take part. All children should come to school in their PE uniform on our PE days. Please ensure that long hair is tied back for PE and all jewellery, including earrings, removed. Games sessions will be outdoors (as much as possible!) so please make sure that your child has tracksuit bottoms and either a navy-blue sweatshirt or school 'hoody' to wear. We plan to do PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays although this is flexible. A Class Dojo message will be sent if there is a change of day. Swimming for Year 5 children is planned for term 6.	 How We Learn: We are a 'Learning without Limits' school and believe that there are truly no limits to what every child can do with hard work, courage, trust and belief. During the school day, children will have the choice to learn in a variety of different ways.	 Communication: Letters will be sent home via Arbor or given to children at the end of the day. Notices and information about weekly events will be posted on Class Dojo or sent via Arbor. We will also be using Class Dojo to share learning and events that happen during the school day. The school newsletter will detail upcoming events for the term – this will also be sent via Class Dojo.	