



Badger Class News

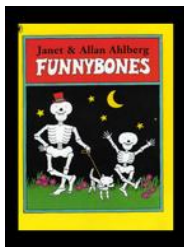
Autumn Term 1



Welcome to the first half term in Badger Class with Miss Murgatroyd, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Wadsworth. Our Topic this half term is **'Funnybones'**. We are learning about ourselves, our bodies and our senses. This half term we will be doing **PE with Emily** on Thursday mornings.

English and Phonics

- Through our **Funnybones** topic we will:
- be reading fiction books including 'Funnybones', 'Whiffy Wilson', and 'Black Dog'.
 - We will be talking about ourselves, our families and our homes and thinking about how we look after ourselves including healthy eating, exercise and good hygiene.
 - We will be writing labels and captions about the story.



- In our writing we will be focusing on:
- forming our letters correctly.
 - Leaving finger spaces between our words.
 - Putting a full stop at the end of our sentences.
- In Phonics the children in year 1 will be revising all the sounds they have learnt so far including diagraphs such as 'sh' and 'ng' and trigraphs such as 'igh' in night. We will also be practising reading and spelling tricky words including; **he, she, me, we, be, her, are, you, my, was, they**

Maths



This half term in Maths we will be:

- Counting to ten forwards and backwards from 0 and starting from any given number.
- Counting, reading and writing numbers to 10 in numerals and words.
- Identifying 1 more and 1 less for numbers to 10.
- Representing and using number bonds to 10 e.g. 10+0, 9+1, 8+2 etc
- Reading, writing and interpreting mathematical symbols for + and =
- Adding 1-digit numbers including zero

Help at home by encouraging children to count, recognise and write numbers to 10 when out and about e.g. door numbers or bus numbers.

We will also be:

- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Sorting 2D and 3D shapes
- Looking at patterns using 2D and 3D shapes.

Help at home by looking for shapes in the environment with your child e.g. rectangle windows, circle clocks etc...

Topic

We will be using our overall topic of **'Funnybones'** to inspire our topic lessons. Our **Geography** work will allow us to explore the town we live in and be able to describe the local area. In **Art** we will be using clay to make a self-portrait tile and be learning about mixing colours. Our **DT** work will see us find out about healthy eating and design our own healthy snack which we will then make. In **History** we will be finding out about Nurse Florence Nightingale and comparing aspects of our lives now with the past. Finally, in **Science** we will look at and label parts of the human body and learn in more detail about each of the 5 senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste. In **RE** we will be looking at what a celebration is and how they are celebrated in different cultures and religions.

This half term the children in reception will be:

Phonics

In phonics the Reception children will have opportunities to listen carefully and talk about what they see, hear and do; this will involve tuning into sounds, such as instrumental and environmental and listening and remembering sounds and talking about sounds. The children will then begin to be introduced to the single sounds we use when reading and writing, they will begin by learning **s, a, t, p, i, and n.**



Maths

This half term we will be learning to recognise numerals 1-5 and numbers of personal significance. We will also be counting 3-4 objects saying the number name for each of them and counting actions of objects which cannot be moved. We will select the correct numeral to represent a group of objects and count irregular arrangements of objects. Finally, we will begin to use mathematical names for 2D flat shapes such as circle and square and select named shapes.

Help at home by looking for different 2D shapes in the environment.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We'll be focusing our work around 'Funnybones'. We will be enjoying reading fiction stories including 'Funnybones' and 'Whiffy Wilson'. We will be talking about ourselves, our homes and our families and about the different ways we can look after ourselves by thinking about what we eat, exercise and good hygiene. We will sequence instructions when thinking about morning routines or bedtime routines.

Physical Development

In PE, we'll be working with our sports coach, Emily on Multi-skills to develop our balance and co-ordination.

In handwriting the children will be working on fine motor activities to build up the strength in their hands ready for writing.

They will also begin to learn the patterns used as a basis for forming letters correctly.

Help at home by encouraging children to work on their finger strength by pegging items on to a line – whether its washing or a picture they are proud of.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be talking New Beginnings and focusing on making new friends and following classroom rules.

Help at home by encouraging children to talk about their day at school and the things they have learnt and

Understanding the World

Throughout our topic we will learn about the human body and focus on the 5 senses of smell, sight, sound, touch and taste. We will also explore the local area we live in. We will look at how different aspects of our lives have changed over time and find out about the life of nurse Florence Nightingale.

Reminders

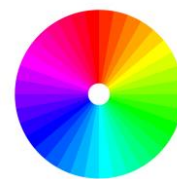
Please make sure that your child has the following items in school with them every day:

- their book bag
- a coat and sun hat (weather depending)

We change books every **Tuesday and Friday.**

Creative Development

This half term we will be using pencil drawings to create self-portraits and then using clay to make a self-portrait tile. We will also learn about colour and how different colours can be mixed to create new ones.



If you have any questions please ask 😊 Thank you,
Miss Murgatroyd and Mrs Murphy.