

Diary Dates:

2nd September 2021- Start of the school year

10th September- Iron Age experience visit to school
(More details to follow)

13/09/21-24/09/21- Badgers Swimming

4/10/21-15/10/21- Foxes Swimming

20th October 2021- Teacher Development Day

21st October Start of half term

1st November 2021- Term 2 starts

This term's topic:

The Stone Age to the Iron Age.

In this term's topic your child will be looking at the development from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, exploring houses, tools, what evidence we have in our local area and much, much more.

Homework:

By the end of week 1 (Friday 10th September) your child will have received their up to date Timestable Rockstars and Purple Mash passwords. We will be setting weekly maths challenges on Purple Mash which will be related to the areas covered in the week at school, these will be found in their 2do's and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

All children are expected to access Timestable Rockstars on a daily basis and take part in garage activities. There will be a weekly challenge between the three classes so the more points your child can score the more likely their class will win a Trophy for the week. If your child is not able to access the online activities please inform your class teacher.

In order to improve vocabulary, we are focussing on 5 new words in class each week. The children will be encouraged to use them in their writing and speaking. These words will be sent to you by text each week. Please practise using them with your child to help them with their fluency.

A massive welcome to all children joining Year 3/4 and those that are coming back! We are really excited and look forward to working with you and your children this year.



Mr Patterson, Miss Stephenson and Mr Adams

Reading: We are strongly focusing on reading as we do each year. It is important for your child to read a minimum of 4 times a week. It really makes a **huge** difference in all subjects. Reading books will be sent home on a Monday and collected in on a Friday. Rewards will be given to those children who have read each day.

P.E.: Swimming will be taking place in two week blocks within Term 1 and 2. Please see the letter sent to you for details.

PE will take place on the following days, please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit which should be Black Shorts/Jogging bottoms, Purple T-Shirt and Purple Sweatshirt.

Badgers: Tuesday and Friday

Squirrels- Tuesday and Thursday

Foxes: Tuesday and Thursday

Important information

We are continuing to not use HASP books so all communication with class teachers are to come through the class email addresses which are below.

badgers@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

squirrels@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

foxes@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Please ensure your child arrives between 8:30 and 8:45am, registration and lessons will begin at 8:45. Children are to come into the classroom independently as they have been during the last academic year and complete the Early Morning task which will be on the Whiteboard. In KS2 children are no longer provided with a mid-morning snack, however we encourage them to have a healthy snack from home. There is no afternoon break in KS2 but we are giving them a run around mid-afternoon for the first couple of days whilst they all adapt to being back!!