

# Badgers Learning Update

## Week Ending 19.01.24

First of all I would like to thank you all (parents, carers and children) for your engagement in homework this week. The children have been talking about what they have been doing at home and seem to have enjoyed using their iPads to support with this.

It's been a busy week in Badgers this week!

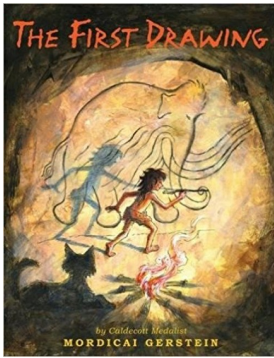
In science this week, we have completed investigations around different rocks. We used magnifying glasses to look carefully at their appearance. We then completed some tests to see how easy they were to scratch, whether or not they absorbed water (permeable or impermeable) and how they would react to acidic rain.

In DT we have started our new topic on Wearable Technology. We have looked at the difference between analogue and digital technology and analysed some wearable technology from throughout history.

In geography, we have started continuing our topic on settlements and have been learning about the key features of a village. We have looked at the similarities between a village and a hamlet.

Mrs Machin, Miss Cooper and Mrs McGann

### English



In our reading sessions this week, we have been looking at a book called 'The First Drawing'. Can you use the image provided to write an excellent setting description of the cave? Think carefully about using expanded noun phrases, similes and some high level vocabulary. Really try to create a picture in the reader's head by describing the cave setting in detail.

You could use an online thesaurus to improve the vocabulary you are using.

### Science

The Institute of Physics have some fun activities for children to try at home, to help engage them in scientific investigations. Have a go at this activity. What have you found out? Upload a photo or a video to your Showbie if you have a go at this.



### Maths

This week, children have continued using a written method to multiply 2-digit numbers.

Complete the sheet attached using the short method of multiplication that we have been learning.

I have completed a couple of examples for you, so use those to help you if you get a little stuck.

Remember to also practise your times tables on the TT Rockstar app (garage game). 5 minutes a day is plenty!

### Reading Records

Children should be reading regularly at home, and in Year 3, we want them to develop more independence.



We have talked about the new reading diaries, and how they look slightly different. Children have been encouraged to start to complete these themselves. However, they might want a bit of help for the first few weeks, so please do have a look. It is important that the children complete the book review section once they have read a

### Spelling

Each week in spellings, children will be given a set of spellings linked to the spelling rule they are learning about, and some spellings form the Year 3 and 4 spelling list.

We will test these spellings every Friday.

Please find attached the spellings we have advised for the next two Fridays. Keep practising and try and write your spellings in sentences so that you understand what each word means. You can upload a photo of any work you have done to practise, or complete the sheet on Showbie.

### Weekly reminders

Wednesday – PE afternoon (come to school in PE kit)

Thursday – whole class music lesson. Please remember to bring in your Ukulele.

Packington Farm Workshop – 1st March 2024