

# Sharing Learning at Home

Our Units this term are 'Toys' and 'Space', below are some of our books from this term that you may like to share at home.

We will also be looking at our favourite things. Please send in pictures of favourite toys for show and tell where we can encourage the children to use their language to talk about them. We can model PODD, speech and signing to talk about their favourite things and share with the class. We will learn to use our senses to explore a range of activities including outside play, cooking and body awareness.

After October half term, we will learn about "Space". We will travel into space and explore the sounds and sights of space through music, drama and play.

Here are a list of fun activities you could do at home if you would like to:

## Toys

Have a teddy bears picnic, explore toys from the past, perhaps what you played with as a child.

## Space

At home you could create some space themed art using finger painting and a range of different materials. Could you bake some star cookies or explore some space themed messy play?

## Our books this term...



## For your information



Badgers class use the Tapestry app to send home photographs and comment on the activities the pupils are doing in class. Forms will be sent to you for consent. Please check this regularly as we add lots of lovely pictures across the week.



Billy the Badger-Billy is our class toy who visits a pupils house each weekend. We love hearing about what he has been up to. Please add photos and a comment in the book when it is your turn.

We love talking about what you have been doing in your holidays and at the weekend. Please send us photos or bring in items to 'show and tell' with the rest of the class. This is a great communication and writing opportunity too!



## Badgers Class Newsletter Autumn 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school after the Summer holidays and a big welcome to all of our new pupils starting this term. We hope you are ready to start a new and exciting term in Badgers Class. We are looking forward to getting to know all the Badgers and watching everyone make new friends.

### **Staff:**

**Emma Dawson** - Class Teacher – Monday-Wednesday

**Lesley-Ann** - Class Teacher - Wednesday-Friday

Michelle Fry - CA, Sarah - SNCA, Sevda - SNCA, Phyllis - SNCA and Caroline - SNCA

**Children:** Welcome back to Sonny-Beau, Maia, Maxwell and Genevieve. Welcome to Badgers Class Halle, Barney, Leo, Finn, Ethan, and Mila.

**Swimming:** Reception aged Badgers swimming session will be on a Thursday morning. We will try to swim every week, so please send in a swim kit on Monday that we can keep in school should we not be able to swim on our allocated day. Please send in a swimming costume, towel and appropriate swim nappy for your child.

### **Spare Clothing:**

Please make sure that your child has a spare set of clothing (named) in their bag each day.

**Snack times:** There is a morning snack time, when children are offered fruit and drinks. For some children this is a time that they are also working on developing eating, drinking and social skills as well as using their communication skills.

**Please provide a daily prepared and named snack or taster and a named water bottle or drink for your child.**

**Please note that we are a Nut Free school so please do not send in any nut based products.**

Please come and talk to us if you have particular worries or concerns about your child. We may not always have an answer but we will do our best to help. The class email is [badgers@woodlands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:badgers@woodlands.surrey.sch.uk)

We look forward to meeting you all.

**Emma and Lesley-Ann and the Badgers Class team**

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

INSET Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

School re-opens for Autumn Term

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

School closed in lieu of Twilight INSET

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

School closed in lieu of Twilight INSET

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

School closed in lieu of Twilight INSET

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – Half-term Holiday**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

School re-opens

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Break-up for Christmas Holiday - 1pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 - Christmas Holiday**



## Curriculum Overview for EYFS Autumn Term 1 2024-2025

### Unit: Toys

Thinking Skill 1: Looking    Thinking Skill 2: Listening

#### Literacy

##### Books:

Where's my teddy? - Jez Alborough KS1

Kippers Toybox- Mick Inkpen KS1

The Magical Toy box– Melanie Joyce

This is the Bear– Sarah Hayes

Just like Jasper– Mick Inkpen

Spot's Toys– Eric Hill

Toys and Games-Sally Hewitt

Naughty Bus-Jan and Jenny Oke

Knuffle Bunny-Mo Willems

##### Daily literacy opportunities:

Letter of the day

Weekly unit book and story time

Shared reading sessions

Self selected reading

Library time

Mark making in a range of different materials

Letter work and play

IPad work and games

Predictable chart writing.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- **PSHE Unit Same and different**
- How I am the same and different to other people
- Hello and how are you?
- Teddy bear themed singing
- Mood monsters
- Turn taking games
- Sharing with friends e.g. a game, computer, snack or story.

#### Physical Development

- Teddy bear races
- Dinosaur foot prints
- Parachute games
- Sensory circuits, range of different obstacles/apparatus to encounter
- Music and movement looking at how our bodies move

#### Communication and Language

- Speech and language sessions
- Daily PODD work and play.
- Morning hello and communication session
- Unit songs and rhymes
- Alphabet and Little Wandle phonic work
- Choice making
- Working alongside the therapists.

#### Mathematics

- Teddy bear themed maths story
- Building towers
- Shape and colour hunt
- Number songs
- Water and sand play
- Unit themed singing
- Unit themed cooking-counting ingredients

#### Expressive Arts and Design

- Teddy bear toast
- Playdough themed art.
- Create our own teddy bear collage
- Create a Teddy lunchbox
- Create Teddy bear trail mix
- Teddy painting and drawing
- Dinosaur footprint art
- Create and make a toy shop

#### Understanding the World

- Teddy bear picnic
- My favourite toy
- Trip to town to visit a toy shop
- Toy shop role play
- Toys from the past and present
- Where do our toys live?
- How do our toys move?
- What is our toy made from?



# Curriculum Overview for EYFS Autumn Term 2- 2024-2025

## Unit: Space

Thinking Skill 1: Doing Thinking Skill 2: Responding

### Literacy

#### Books:

- Whatever next - Jill Murphy
- Toys in space - Mini Grey
- On the Launchpad - Michael Dahl
- Space Poems – Gaby Morgan
- Here Come the Aliens – Colin McNaughton
- How to Catch a Star – Oliver Jeffers
- Roaring Rockets – Tony Mitton

#### Daily literacy opportunities:

- Letter of the day
- Weekly unit book and story time
- Shared reading sessions
- Self selected reading
- Library time
- Mark making in a range of different materials.
- Letter work and play
- IPad work and games
- Predictable chart writing.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- **PSHE Unit: Sleep, rest and relaxation** - Why sleep is important to make me feel good
- Sharing with friends e.g. rolling cars from one to the other.
- Self feeding skills through snack and lunchtime.
- Regular toilet programmes.
- Following eating programmes.

### Physical Development

- Space circuits - Be a rocket travelling around the playground and hall obstacle course.
- Explore a range of tactile materials and objects.
- Sensory circuits , range of different obstacles/apparatus to encounter.
- Daily Visual Impairment stimulation sessions as set out for individual pupils.

### Communication and Language

- Sensory story - range of materials and experiences.
- Exploring planets, stars and astronauts.
- Using ALD's at all play and learning activities.
- Shared play activities
- Chat time at lunch and snack
- Turn taking opportunities for communication
- Singing and signing songs

### Mathematics

- Counting the aliens in the moon dust
- 5 little men in a flying saucer
- Numicon with stars and astronauts
- Weighing moon rocks
- Time schedule of an astronaut

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Make the solar system out of papier-mâché
- Can you build a rocket out of bricks/ soft play or junk modelling?
- Make and decorate planet or alien themed biscuits
- Explore stars and moon rocks in messy play

### Understanding the World

- Role play being an astronaut
- What is planet Mars like?
- Why is the sun hot?
- How do we travel to space?
- What can we eat in space?
- What are the planets names?
- What does an astronaut wear?
- What can live in space?