

Welcome to Term 3

We welcome you back to a New Year and we hope that the year ahead will be one of joy and fabulous memories. We are looking forward to continuing our journey with Badgers and Foxes and along the way sharing our learning with you.

Over this term and into next, you will be having your second focus meeting with your child's teacher where we will be celebrating their journey's so far. Ms Brace and Mr Oakley will book a meeting with you when it is your child's focus week.

Ms Brace will also be inviting you to 'Come subitise with us'; a parent workshop where you will find out how we develop strong number sense in Reception and into KS1.

The dates for these are:

5th/ 11th February



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Learning Letter

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Term 3 Focus-

Physical Development

Builds the body's strength, coordination, and control which supports independence, social skills, and emotional well-being. It forms the foundation for lifelong health and learning by enabling exploration and interaction with the world. It's not just about movement; it's about developing the brain-body connection needed for all other learning.

In Early Years, we break it into two areas:

Fine Motor Skills: these are the small, precise movements needed to help in zipping up a zip, holding scissors or drawing with a pencil. Before writing, those hand, arm and core muscles need developing and building upon. Children need to have a wide range of experiences to build on these including activities where your arms cross the body.

Gross motor skills: These are larger movements enabling you to kick a ball, climb up stairs and travel in different ways. They build up core strength, coordination and balance.

Phonics (Read Write Inc)

We will continue to develop our knowledge on sounds including special friends (sh, ch, th, ck, nk). Fred games will continue to be used to build up confidence to orally blend. Ms Cave will carry out her next phonic assessment and we will send, via Evidence me, any sound gaps to practise at home. We thank you for all the sound practising that has been happening so far.



Maths

This term, we will continue to build on our images of numbers to 5 and then beyond. We will explore what happens when a 5 frame is 'full up' and two are put together to create one the. Children will develop their mathematical vocabulary in reasoning and build on confidence to apply to real life problems.

This term, we will be shining a spotlight on the properties of triangle and what an angle is.

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, we are challenging the children with adventurous codes using their mathematical and phonic awareness. We will be going on an adventure and making memories with Paper Dolls, wondering who a Hairy Toe may belong to, taking a walk through the jungle to find a lost mum in Monkey Puzzle, seeing who may be hiding under a Trapped Door and celebrating Chinese New Year with a Run away Wok.