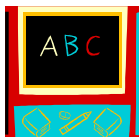


Badshot Lea Village Infant School

Curriculum News Spring Term 2010



Welcome

Welcome to our Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter. We hope you find the following information useful.

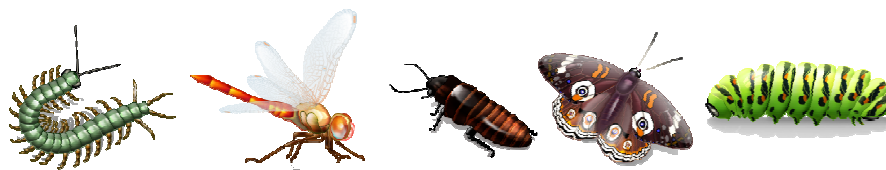
Whole School Themes for the Spring Term

Our whole school theme for the first half of this term has been Festivals and Celebrations, culminating in our Chinese New Year 'Wow' Day on Thursday 11th February. The children have been learning about Chinese culture, in particular the very important celebration of New Year (actually on Sunday 14th February). During our 'Wow' Day the children will be learning about Chinese Dance very kindly paid for by The Friends of Badshot Lea. There will also be lots of art and craft activities for the children including: mask making; painting and fan making; puppet making and firework creations. It is also dressing up day for everyone!

As reminder of Chinese New Year and our learning about China the children will all be given a pair of chop sticks and a fortune cookie. These have been very generously donated by the proprietors of Bon East, the Chinese restaurant and take-away in Weydon Lane, Farnham.



During the second half of term we will be learning about Habitats. Our 'Wow' Day is set for Friday 26th March when we will be welcoming the 'Bug Man' to school. He will be bringing creatures for the children to observe and handle. First hand experience is always a really great way to learn.



International School Award








During the whole of this academic year we are working towards the International School Award. We have already achieved both the Foundation Level and the Intermediate Level and are now going for gold! Our whole school themes for this year reflect our commitment to achieving the award. Our school is linked, through the British Council, with a school in Nepal. We recently welcomed the Nepalese Ministers of State for Education who wrote of our school:

'Thank you so much for such a brilliant briefing of school to us. Thank you so much for the nourishing lunch. We would like to congratulate the whole dedicated staff and teachers of this esteemed school for the wonderful achievement. We wish all the best to you for future achievements. Thank you and Nameste.'

Part of the link with the school in Nepal is the opportunity for reciprocal visits. We are in the process of planning the visits and look forward to welcoming teachers from Nepal to Badshot Lea Village Infant School during the Spring. When our members of staff make the reciprocal visit to Nepal they will be spending at least five days in the school working with the teachers and children. In addition they hope to be able to absorb the culture and return to Badshot Lea with lots of artefacts for our children to enjoy learning about. This is a very exciting opportunity for our school.

Spring Term Celebrations

Spring Term celebrations we will be learning about include:

	<p>Chinese New Year on Sunday 14th February, although we will be celebrating this festival during our 'Wow' Day. This will be the start of the Year of the Tiger.</p>
	<p>Valentines Day on Sunday 14th February.</p>
	<p>Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday 16th February followed by Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 17th February. Both festivals are during the half term break.</p>
	<p>St David's Day on Monday 1st March.</p>
	<p>Mothers Day on Sunday 14th March.</p>
	<p>St Patrick's Day on Wednesday 17th March when Rev Carol will be joining us for Assembly.</p>
	<p>Easter: Palm Sunday on 28th March Maundy Thursday on 1st April Good Friday on 2nd April Easter Sunday on 4th April</p>