Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year! The Autumn term was most definitely a whirlwind, so we hope that you all had a lovely, thoroughly well-deserved break and are looking forward to all that 2026 has in store. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for their generous cards, gifts and warm wishes at the end of the term – it was very much appreciated and so kind of you.

We are fortunate to have several additional adults supporting the class this term:

- **Mrs. Payne – Supporting the class as Teaching Assistant**
- **Mrs. Bottle – Teaching French on a Wednesday afternoon**
- **PBED – Teaching PE on a Wednesday afternoon**

To allow some flexibility of PE days, it would be great if children can ensure that they have the correct PE kit in school throughout the week. We advise that children bring in their PE kit on a Monday and then take it home on Friday to be washed. Also, a reminder that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn, especially in PE.

Our main topic this term will be the Ancient Mayan civilisation. Across the half term, we will focus on exploring who they were, where and when they lived, and the fascinating aspects of their civilisation. As well as this, we will be learning about Purim in RE and in Science, we will explore how sounds are made, travel and can be changed.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and due in the following Friday. This allows families to choose whether it is completed during the school week or over the weekend. Every week, there will be an English task (a reading comprehension and grammar activity from their CGP books) and a Maths task (a workout from their CGP books). As well as this, children are expected to log on to TTRS each week to practise their times tables. Thank-you for your support with the reintroduction of spelling tests this year. There is such value in promoting practising their spellings at home and it is improving the accuracy of spelling across the school.

Please encourage your children to read regularly and widely (for pleasure!) throughout the year - both independently and aloud. Please record this in their homework diaries along with other completed homework tasks. This will be an area we will be promoting in class this year and we will be rewarding children weekly who have read a minimum of 5 times. Whilst the likes of David Walliams are great to read, please encourage your children (as we will do) to read a variety of books from a range of genres. We are lucky to have a well-stocked library with a huge selection of books so there are lots on offer and teachers are always on hand to help children with selecting a book should they need it.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you or we need to know.

Kind regards,

Miss Ayers and the Badgers team