Dear Parents/Carers,



I am looking forward welcoming you all back in September for the Autumn term in Badgers class. It will be great to be back, and I hope you all have a great summer break spending time with your families. I hope you are as excited for the busy but brilliant year we have ahead of us in September!

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 the autumn half term will be Ancient Greece. During our history learning, we will explore the Ancient Greek period by learning about key historical events e.g., Battle of Marathon. We will also consider the impact that the Ancient Greeks had on society and the time and the legacy that they left behind. In Science, our topic will explore circulation, diet and exercise. We will explore the function of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the function of the body and the way in which nutrients and water are transported.

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. We will also be reintroducing weekly spelling tests this year in order to promote practising their spellings at home to improve 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